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LOOKING BACK, LOOKING FORWARD

DEAN HELLER LEAVES LEGACY, ANTICIPATES NEW OPPORTUNITIES

When Dr. Barbara R. Heller began her tenure as Dean of the University of Maryland School of Nursing, she articulated a vision to set the School on a new course as a state-of-the-art learning organization and a center for promoting excellence, innovation and leadership in nursing education, research and practice. Dr. Heller's goals were accomplished in a twelve-year period of time, during which the School of Nursing would come to earn the recognition and prestige it so richly deserves. As Dr. Heller prepares to leave her post as Dean and take on new responsibilities within the University, we offer the following retrospective, highlighting the achievements that will forever define her legacy here.

In July of 1990, Barbara R. Heller, EdD, RN, FAAN, then professor and chair, Department of Education, Administration, Informatics and Health Policy, was appointed fourth Dean of the School of

Nursing, thus commencing 12 years of a successful, albeit challenging, transformation of the School into the State of Maryland's premier public institution for nursing education, research and clinical

service. Dr. Heller's new role as Dean added another chapter to an already storied career in health care and higher education that spanned decades of experience in nursing education, research, administration and public policy. Prior to joining the University of Maryland faculty, she was Assistant Dean for Academic Programs at Villanova University College of Nursing and Chair of the Department of Nursing at the State University of New York at Farmingdale. In the early 1980s, she completed an Intergovernmental Personnel Assignment (IPA) as Director of Research and Education for the Nursing Department at the Clinical Center of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and during a sabbatical leave in 1989, served as a congressional fellow in the U.S. House of Representatives, gaining experience in policy analysis and formulation in issues of aging, health care and higher education.

One of the earliest and perhaps most visibly evident symbols of Dr. Heller's accomplishments as Dean is the new \$38 million School of Nursing building, a state-of-the-art instructional and research facility. Hailed as an exemplar for nursing education, this technologically sophisticated building supports the School's research, teaching and service mission. The seven-story,

154,000 square foot addition integrates advanced laboratory design, bench and behavioral research space, informatics laboratories, and a multimedia-rich environment, including 24 pre-clinical simulation laboratories, which facilitate the development of critical thinking, decision-making and psychomotor skills in a simulated environment. This major nursing research and instructional facility also houses a Pediatric Ambulatory Center, which, in collaboration with the Schools of Medicine, Pharmacy and Social Work, provides primary care services to more than 400 children each week who would not otherwise have access to adequate health care.

While expanded physical space and resources have contributed to the growth of the School's research culture, the burgeoning research enterprise, another key milestone in Dr. Heller's tenure, has been attained by the aggressive recruitment of top scientists whose nationally recognized research programs have positioned the School as a leader in the advancement of nursing science. Targeting nursing and health care issues of global importance, these faculty researchers are contributing and disseminating new knowledge that provides the scientific basis for informing nursing practice, policy decisions and health care delivery. Under Dr. Heller's



Stan Stearns

Dean Heller, 2002.



PROMISE AND POTENTIAL OF THE FUTURE

“There’s a trick to the Graceful Exit. It begins with the vision to recognize when a job, a life stage...is over – and to let it go...It involves a sense of future, a belief that every exit line is an entry, that we are moving on, rather than out.... It’s hard to learn that we don’t leave the best parts of ourselves behind.... The experiences and the growth are grafted onto our lives. And when we exit, we can take ourselves along...”
- Ellen Goodman, syndicated columnist

Hard as it is to believe, the end of the academic year is upon us, bringing with it the bittersweet task of saying goodbye to our graduates, as we celebrate their achievements and the promise of what lies ahead for them. Tradition urges us to mark this rite of passage with commencement ceremonies, and I have always found the name so fitting. More than a degree-conferring event, commencement is just that – the act or time of commencing, a new start.

And so it is apropos that, as the School closes a chapter on another academic year and turns to a new blank page, I too, am preparing to end one journey and begin another. It has been both an honor and a privilege to lead the School of Nursing through these exciting, and at times tumultuous, last 12 years. We have much to be proud of, as we look back and reflect on our progress and all that has been accomplished on behalf of our beloved institution. Here is just a snapshot:

- » The quality of our learning and research environment is unsurpassed among our peers.
- » We’ve continuously updated our baccalaureate, master’s and doctoral programs to parallel changes in health care delivery.
- » Outreach initiatives are casting a wider net to provide access to nursing education throughout the state and the region.
- » Significant expansions in research and scholarship are attracting millions of dollars to the School in grants and contract awards.
- » Our innovative clinical enterprise is bringing help and healing to the state’s most needy communities and reducing health disparities, while at the same time providing invaluable clinical experiences for nursing students and faculty.
- » Enrollment continues to grow, as does ethnic and cultural diversity among faculty and students
- » We have recruited top faculty-scientists, whose nationally recognized research programs have added value and prominence to the School’s research portfolio.

- » Through international partnerships and exchanges, the School is providing leadership in bringing a global perspective to nursing scholarship, science and practice.
- » Our highly successful fundraising campaign has far exceeded initial expectations, while helping to raise awareness and enhance the School’s public image in both national and international circles.

Of course, I could go on. But, while it is important to celebrate our collective achievements of the past, we must shift our attention to the future. Because years from now, these milestones, while significant in today’s context, will appear as a mere footnote in the School of Nursing’s long and illustrious history.

So where does that leave us? As to my colleagues at the School and within the University, many of whom I consider personal friends, I trust that you will continue to make tremendous strides toward furthering our mission. For me, I anticipate the next phase of my professional journey to focus primarily on promoting the goals of the recently established Center for Health Workforce Development here at the University of Maryland Baltimore. As Executive Director, I look forward to guiding the innovative and pioneering efforts this emerging Center will contribute to reversing health workforce shortages. By collaborating with leaders in health care, health professions education and government, I expect the Center to play an integral role in addressing the broad spectrum of issues associated with recruiting, educating and retaining an evolving health workforce. In addition, I will remain very much a part of the School of Nursing as its first Rauschenbach Distinguished Professor, an endowed professorship dedicated to the improvement of nursing and nursing education through research and teaching.

And so, to paraphrase the wise words of Ellen Goodman, the time has come for me to move on and embrace the promise and potential of the future. These last 12 years have left an indelible impression on my career and my life, and I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the many people who have traveled this road with me; namely my colleagues, supporters and friends; students, faculty, staff and alumni of the School of Nursing; my husband, Dr. Frederick Walsh, and my children and grandchildren. My arrival at this turning point did not begin in 1990, but rather many years earlier, in Brooklyn, New York, where I was born the daughter of Mae and Max Heller. Everything I have accomplished is a direct result of what they taught me, and I will carry those life lessons with me, as a source of inspiration and guidance, as I continue on this journey.

Barbara R. Heller

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1998 – New building opened.

leadership, research dollars have increased dramatically – more than 900 percent – from less than \$2 million in 1990 to over \$18 million in grants and contract awards today. Generous support from a variety of federal funding sources, private corporations, and state and local government continues to maintain the quality and influence of the School's growing research portfolio.

Dr. Heller's term has also been marked by significant increases in enrollment and diversity. Student enrollment has risen dramatically, from 1,160 in FY '91 to 1,401 in FY '02, a 25% increase in total enrollment. As Dean, Dr. Heller has seen the minority student population at the School more than double, from 15% to 35%, with the largest minority group represented by African Americans. *The Journal of Blacks in Higher Education* recently reported: "Among the most prestigious nursing schools in the nation, the University of Maryland School of Nursing has the highest percentage of Black students...and Black faculty." Aggressive recruitment efforts have also increased the number of full-time male and minority faculty members – from 7% to 12% and from 11% to 17%, respectively.

Sweeping changes in the health care system toward the end of the last decade mandated a major re-engineering of the curriculum, in order to ensure its relevance. To this end, Dr. Heller has guided the development and delivery of new academic programs at all levels of

study. The baccalaureate curriculum has been augmented to include accelerated programming for students with a degree in another field; expanded offerings at satellite campuses; and Web-based and distance learning courses to provide greater access to education for nurses throughout the state and region. The redesigned master's curriculum reflects a heightened emphasis on community and health promotion, interdisciplinary education for collaborative practice, and preparation for nursing leadership and management through the development of a joint MS/MBA program. At the master's level, six new nurse practitioner specialties have been added: Family, Neonatal, Acute Care, Psychiatric Primary Care, Geriatric and Nurse-Midwifery. Other program additions include a master's degree specialty in Environmental/Occupational Health and a doctoral emphasis in Nursing Informatics. During this time, School of Nursing baccalaureate and master's programs have consistently met and exceeded the standards for accreditation as outlined by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission and the State Board for Nursing, and the doctoral program has received favorable external reviews conducted by the Graduate School.

Another landmark achievement is the School's expanded international presence. By fostering international partnerships and exchanges, the School has exerted its influence among nursing

leaders and educators across U.S. borders and beyond. Included among these initiatives are continuing education programs for health care professionals employed at U.S. consulates and embassies; international exchange programs with medical and nursing faculty and students representing dozens of countries around the globe; and support of military students and personnel working abroad. The School is soon to be designated a Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization Collaborating Center for Nursing in Mental Health Promotion, significantly expanding opportunities for international exchanges, research and dialogue for faculty and students.

Another milestone achievement that reflects the School's education, research and service mission is the establishment of the clinical enterprise. A response to the "new" American health care delivery system for the 21st century, the clinical enterprise integrates into the curriculum "hands-on," community-based experiences for both students and faculty, while at the same time delivering much needed health care services to underserved populations throughout the state. Built on a foundation of evidence-based practice, this innovative model of clinical instruction and service has grown dramatically during Dr. Heller's tenure to include five Wellmobiles; 14 school-based wellness centers; a high-school based family support center; and the Open Gates Health Center; as well as the Pediatric Ambulatory Care Center. By integrating research, service and learning opportunities in community-based care, these and other clinical initiatives reflect the latest ideas about best practices.

The School's first-ever major fundraising effort, the *Building the Future Capital Campaign*, has made enormous strides under Dr. Heller's

direction in meeting financial challenges, supporting clinical outreach services and maintaining momentum in innovative programming. Through the generosity of private, corporate and government supporters, the School of Nursing exceeded its ambitious \$7 million goal, attaining \$10 million prior to the campaign's completion in June 2002. Recent contributions to the School have augmented clinical initiatives, student scholarships and technology enhancements to support teaching and learning. In the fall of 1999, former Maryland Governor William Donald Schaefer announced the establishment of the Hilda Mae Snoops Memorial Scholarship Fund, a \$1 million fund designed to provide aid to nursing students based on financial need and academic merit.

These and other accomplishments at the School of Nursing have not gone unnoticed. Peer institutions around the country have lauded the School's successes. During Dr. Heller's tenure, *U.S. News & World Report* has consistently ranked the School among the top ten in the nation, and in 2000, accorded the same status to five of the School's graduate specialties.

As Dean, Dr. Heller has stewarded the School of Nursing through many crises, not the least of which is the national nursing shortage. Recognizing the School's role in offering a creative, aggressive and tactical response to the nursing shortage, Dr. Heller has implemented numerous strategies aimed at student recruitment, advocacy, outreach, public awareness, marketing and advertising. A \$1.2 million contribution of cash services and in-kind gifts from Gilden Integrated has strengthened these initiatives, particularly in the areas of marketing and recruitment.

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1999 – With Governor Parris N. Glendening.

"Under Dean Heller's leadership, the School of Nursing has become one of Maryland's crown jewels. It has emerged as one of the nation's finest nursing schools, ranking in U.S. News & World Report's Top 10. All citizens of this State are grateful to Barbara Heller for her numerous achievements and for her vision, which recognized the tremendous importance of the nursing profession. It is appropriate that we honor Dean Heller, who has given more than 12 years of unselfish devotion, leadership and commitment to the University of Maryland School of Nursing and its students."

— Governor Parris N. Glendening

TWELVE YEARS WITH DR. HELLER
DEAN, UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND
SCHOOL OF NURSING

1990

Dr. Barbara R. Heller appointed fourth Dean of the University of Maryland School of Nursing

School establishes MS/MBA joint degree program with University of Baltimore Robert G. Merrick School of Business

Dr. Heller appointed to board, Paul’s Place, soup kitchen and shelter for the homeless

1991

School submits plans for \$38 million, 154,000 square foot addition to existing School of Nursing building

School hosts first Nursing Informatics Summer Institute

School of Nursing reorganized into four academic departments with emphasis on moving targeted research forward

Baccalaureate program revised in response to major changes in the health care system; accelerated program established for students with non-nursing degree

School awarded grant to develop doctoral emphasis in Nursing Informatics

1992

Dr. Heller appointed to board of directors and Vice Chair, Computer-Based Patient Record Institute, Inc. (CPRI)

School hosts delegation of nurses and physicians from Egypt as part of Project HOPE (Health Opportunity for People Everywhere)

1993

Open Gates Health Center, a nurse-run community health clinic, is established; Dr. Heller appointed to board of directors

First school-based wellness center opens at Lansdowne Middle School, Baltimore County

U.S. News & World Report ranks School among “Top Ten in the Nation”

Dr. Clair M. Fagin, Leadership Professor, University of Pennsylvania, receives honorary degree

1994

Comprehensive accreditation site visits; all programs fully accredited

Governor’s Wellmobile Program established; first mobile health clinic becomes operational

Dr. Shirley S. Chater, U.S. Social Security Commissioner, receives honorary degree

1995

School of Nursing, under Dr. Heller’s direction, launches *Building the Future Capital Campaign*

Dr. Heller elected to board of directors, Southern Council on Collegiate Education for Nursing

Dr. Heller appointed Co-chair, Governor’s Task Force on Assisted Living

Doctoral program receives favorable external reviews conducted by Graduate School

Dr. Donna Shalala, U.S. Secretary, Health and Human Services, receives honorary degree

U.S. News & World Report ranks School among “Top Ten in the Nation”

Dr. Heller throws out first pitch at Baltimore Orioles game during SON night at Camden Yards

1996

Groundbreaking for new School of Nursing building

Dr. Heller joins Leadership Maryland, sponsored by Maryland Chamber of Commerce

Student enrollment reaches all-time high of 1,606

Dr. Patricia A. Grady, MS ‘68, Director, National Institute of Nursing Research, NIH, receives honorary degree

1997

Dr. Heller elected to board of governors, National League for Nursing

Zero-based curriculum revisions in baccalaureate and master’s programs approved and implemented

Dr. Heller travels to Israel to develop “sister school” partnership with Henrietta Szold Hadassah-Hebrew University School of Nursing in Jerusalem.

Congresswoman Constance A. Morella receives honorary degree

1998

School of Nursing celebrates grand opening and dedication of new, state-of-the-art instructional and research facility

School of Nursing receives \$1.3 million grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation to enhance environmental health content in nursing education and practice

Mayor Kurt Schmoke proclaims November 14 “University of Maryland, School of Nursing Day” in Baltimore.

Dr. Heller selected to inaugural class, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Executive Nurse Fellowship

U.S. News & World Report ranks School among “Top Ten in the Nation”

1999

Dr. Sandra J. Fulton Picot, PhD ’92, appointed to Sonya Ziporkin Gershowitz Endowed Chair in Gerontology

New master’s degree specialty in Nurse-Midwifery established; receives pre-accreditation status

Dr. Heller appointed to board of directors, Hadassah Medical Organization in Jerusalem; receives Hadassah’s Woman of Distinction Award

Former Maryland Governor William Donald Schaefer establishes Hilda Mae Snoops Memorial Scholarship with \$1 million pledge

School opens Living History Museum, one of few nursing museums in the nation

Office of Research established

U.S. News & World Report ranks School among “Top Ten in the Nation”

Alumni Association changes from dues paying to all-inclusive organization; membership expands from 600 to over 12,000

2000

Dr. Heller appointed to board of directors, Washington Hospital Center

Dr. Heller appointed Vice Chair, Statewide Commission on Crisis in Nursing

Pediatric Ambulatory Center, an interdisciplinary collaboration with the School of Medicine, opens to provide primary care services to children from West Baltimore

Clinical Scholars Program established; more than \$1 million raised to support student scholarships

Baccalaureate program expands at Shady Grove Center to include first professional baccalaureate degree option

Delegate Howard P. Rawlings receives honorary degree

2001

Gilden Integrated contributes \$1.2 million in cash services and in-kind gifts to boost School’s marketing and recruitment efforts

Pre-Nursing Academy opens at Southwestern High School

Dr. Barbara Resnick awarded \$1.9 million National Institute on Aging (NIA) research grant to study effectiveness of intervention in improving health outcomes of hip fracture patients; largest single award to School

School of Nursing launches first RN-BSN on-line degree option

Baltimore Daily Record names Dr. Heller and Dr. Patricia G. Morton, Professor, Adult Health Nursing, two of “Maryland’s Top 100 Women”; Dr. Heller also inducted into “Circle of Excellence for Sustained Achievement – The Top 100 Women’s Hall of Fame”

School hosts first School of Nursing Legislative Night in Annapolis

Drs. Heller, Waltz and Mills travel to China with State officials on Maryland-China Mission 2001

2002

School of Nursing receives high marks from National League for Nursing Accrediting Commision site visit team; report lists nine institutional strengths

School of Nursing to be designated a Pan American Health Organization /World Health Organization Collaborating Center for Nursing in Mental Health Promotion

Wellmobile fleet expands with launching of fifth mobile clinic

Groundbreaking for new Open Gates Health Center facility

Grants and contracts top \$18 million

Capital Campaign reaches \$10 million in gifts and contributions, handily surpassing \$7 million goal

Dr. Heller appointed Rauschenbach Distinguished Professor and Executive Director, Center for Health Workforce Development at University of Maryland Baltimore

LEADERS IN NURSING, HEALTH CARE, HIGHER EDUCATION AND GOVERNMENT REFLECT ON DEAN HELLER’S LEADERSHIP AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

“Dr. Heller has played a critical role in preparing nurses for the 21st century. The fact that the School of Nursing is so highly rated nationally has a lot to do with her leadership. Dr. Heller has had a positive influence on nursing; Maryland is very proud of what she has accomplished.”
— Senator Paula C. Hollinger, RN, Maryland General Assembly

“Dr. Heller’s tenure as Dean of the University of Maryland School of Nursing has been characterized by a significant period of growth for the School. Her commitment to research has been a critical force in advancing the School in a substantive and progressive way.”
— Dr. Patricia A. Grady, MS ’68, Director, National Institute of Nursing Research, National Institutes of Health

“She is a visionary who tried to bring the School of Nursing into today’s environment. It was a difficult challenge, yet she succeeded in achieving that goal.”
— Delegate Marilyn Goldwater, RN, Maryland General Assembly

“Dr. Heller’s vision and leadership has transformed the School of Nursing into a nationally recognized center of excellence. Her energy and commitment have not only resulted in a new building, but, more importantly, a dynamic learning environment that is responsive to the needs of the students and faculty.”
— Alan J. Silverstone, Chair, Board of Visitors, University of Maryland School of Nursing

“Dr. Heller’s leadership has been instrumental in modernizing and expanding the University of Maryland School of Nursing. I regard her as one of my closest advisors on health care policy. Her knowledge and expertise has had a tremendous impact on health care in this state and in the nation.”
— Congressman Benjamin L. Cardin, U.S. House of Representatives

“Dr. Heller is a terrifically dynamic leader, who helped put the University of Maryland School of Nursing at the top of the legislative agenda.”
— The Honorable Nancy K. Kopp, Treasurer, State of Maryland

“Barbara has led the School of Nursing to its preeminence in nursing across the country. She has also spearheaded innovation in nursing education that has been quite remarkable. She is a very committed individual with a strong sense of professionalism, who provided leadership at a critical time for the University of Maryland.”
— Dr. Rita R. Colwell, Director, National Science Foundation

“As Dr. Heller moves on, not only does she leave us with a new building in which to educate and continue to grow academically, but she has also helped to develop within each of us a feeling of pride in being a nurse and assurance that we can be true leaders in the development of health care systems and services in this country and worldwide.”
— Dr. Barbara R. Resnick, PhD ‘96, Associate Professor, University of Maryland School of Nursing; President, Alumni Association

“Dr. Heller has offered leadership and mentorship to students and colleagues during her tenure, not only as Dean, but as a faculty member.”
— Dr. Carol A. Romano, BSN ’77, MS ’85, PhD ’97, Deputy Chief, Department of Clinical Research Informatics, Clinical Center, National Institutes of Health

“When I think of superb administrators, I think of Barbara Heller. Largely because of her, my dream – the Hilda Mae Snoops Memorial Scholarship – has become a reality.”
— The Honorable William D. Schaefer, Comptroller, State of Maryland

“The easy way to measure Barbara Heller’s accomplishments is to look at the new School of Nursing Building she is responsible for. This outstanding edifice is symbolic of the leadership she has shown in the field of nursing. Barbara has never wavered in her commitment to elevating the professional status of nurses to the level they richly deserve.”
— Dr. Morton I. Rapoport, President & CEO, University of Maryland Medical System

“The high calling to care for other human beings in need is why the famous names of Florence Nightingale, Dortha Dix, Mary Mahoney, Lillian Wald, Lucille Petry and Maryland’s own Louisa Parsons are inscribed on the walls of the University of Maryland School of Nursing. What Louisa Parsons began in 1889, Dean Barbara R. Heller has continued in our time – and for that, she has earned our gratitude and respect.”
— Congressman Elijah E. Cummings, U.S. House of Representatives

“Barbara’s leadership has advanced nursing education at the University of Maryland to the next level of its development as a major locus of scholarship for the profession. Her boundless energy, astute judgment, keen intellect and unrelenting persistence in attaining goals for the School are evidenced in the quality of its programs, the appointment of superior faculty and an international reputation in nursing research.”
— Dr. M. Louise Fitzpatrick, Dean, Villanova University College of Nursing

“Under Dr. Heller’s stewardship, the School of Nursing’s enrollment and its diversity have increased significantly, and research activity has greatly expanded. Development of community-based practice has been a priority, and today the School supports 14 school-based wellness centers. As Vice Chair of the Maryland Statewide Commission on the Crisis in Nursing, Dr. Heller worked diligently to ensure nursing was at the forefront of the State’s legislative agenda. Dr. Heller has been an extraordinary force in the nursing profession and a tremendous asset to the University.”
— Dr. Judy A. Reitz, BSN ‘71, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Johns Hopkins Health System, and Member, Board of Visitors, University of Maryland School of Nursing

“Dr. Heller is someone I tremendously admire who has done a truly outstanding job as Dean of the School of Nursing and has made it not only one of the outstanding schools of nursing in the nation, but one that responds particularly effectively to the comprehensive needs for nursing at all levels in the state of Maryland.”
— Dr. John S. Toll, President, Washington College

“Barbara Heller has made major contributions not only to the University of Maryland through her years of devoted service as Dean of the School of Nursing, but also to the health professions on a national level. Her passion for excellence has been the driving force behind her many achievements.”
— Dr. David J. Ramsay, President, University of Maryland Baltimore

“We will certainly miss the dedication of Dr. Heller, who has demonstrated such tremendous leadership at the School of Nursing. Her commitment, talents and contributions have propelled the School to excellence.”
— Congresswoman Constance A. Morella, U.S. House of Representatives

“Dr. Heller has been an exceptional leader for the School of Nursing and has transformed the School into Maryland’s premier public institution for the education of nurses. She has been tireless in her efforts to promote and advance the School, and we will miss her energy and enthusiasm.”
— Dr. Lesley A. Perry, Vice Dean and Associate Dean for Administrative Services, University of Maryland School of Nursing

MILITARY GRADUATES SUPPORT TROOPS FIGHTING TERRORISM

WHEN U.S. NAVY LIEUTENANT MICHAEL PIKE, MS '01, RN, RECEIVED HIS MASTER'S DEGREE FROM THE SCHOOL OF NURSING IN MAY 2001, HE HAD NO IDEA THAT SIX MONTHS LATER HE WOULD BE CALLED TO AFGHANISTAN, NEARLY HALF A WORLD AWAY, TO SUPPORT U.S. TROOPS IN *OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM*.

On September 12, 2001, Lt. Pike received orders to report to New York City to help victims of the World Trade Center disaster. There wasn't much for an emergency room team to do at Ground Zero, but since Lt. Pike's platoon was packed and ready to go, they knew that it was just a matter of time until they would be deployed to Afghanistan. On Thanksgiving Day, Lt. Pike was notified that he would be leaving. In his 21 years in the Navy, he had never been sent overseas. According to Lt. Pike, "This is what I trained for all of my life."

For 46 days, Lt. Pike was deployed on land in Afghanistan as part of a shock trauma platoon that delivered Level I trauma care to casualties. Their job was to stabilize the patients, then send them to hospitals or ships for tertiary care. They not

only served American troops, but they also administered care to coalition forces as well as fighters from the Northern Alliance. In fact, Lt. Pike says the majority of their work was administering medical care to the detainees, which proved to be the most difficult part of his mission.

"This was the biggest and most important issue I faced during my deployment – the moral and ethical dilemmas related to taking care of the detainees," stated Lt. Pike. Many times, he would ask himself, "What would (School of Nursing Professor) Dr. (Patricia) Morton do?" The answer, he knew, was to get the work done. "We had a mission to do," he said. "Like it or not, we had to work through it as a team, and it all came together in the end."

Lt. Pike says he missed his family, good food, and mostly a shower, while he was living in tents and eating MREs (Meals Ready to Eat) during his 46-day stay on land in Afghanistan. He spent the rest of his four-month deployment at sea floating off the coast of Pakistan in the North Arabian Sea.

"It was hard to say 'good-bye' to my family," said Lt. Pike. "But, it's the principle of being able to do something to support the mission in honor of those who were killed on September 11. This is something I have trained for all my life, and I was finally able to put it to work. It was truly an honor." Lt. Pike is currently an emergency room staff nurse at the Naval Hospital in Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Major Mary T. Carlisle, MS '99, RN, CCRN, CCNS, ACNP, a critical care nurse in the U.S. Air Force, followed a similar path to Afghanistan. Maj. Carlisle was summoned to New Jersey on the night of September 11 to help set up a fully functional portable Air Force hospital for treating World Trade Center victims. She was also on standby to assist New York City hospitals with burn victims. On September 21, she deployed overseas with a medical unit from her home station, where she again set up a portable Air Force hospital to treat military forces directly involved in fighting terrorism. She returned to her home in San Antonio on February 8.

Reminiscing about her time in Afghanistan, Maj. Carlisle remembers being among the first to arrive on base.

"I had no idea what to expect when I arrived, and I was the only critical care nurse," said Maj. Carlisle. "We basically built the hospital from the ground up, and we had to be ready for anything and everything ASAP. But I felt confident and prepared because of my trauma experience and training during my graduate school clinical rotations at the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center."

She says this training definitely made a difference, and the trauma surgeon knew she could handle any type of casualty situation.

"I am confident that the clinical preparation our alumni received has prepared them for the tasks they must perform while deployed on these missions," stated Patricia Morton, PhD, RN, CRNP, FAAN, Professor, Department of Adult Health Nursing. "I am extremely proud of their service to nursing and to our nation."

Maj. Carlisle has been in the Air Force for more than 12 years, and has been stationed at Wilford Hall Medical Center, Lackland AFB, Texas, since December 1999. She is currently the Assistant Nurse Manager of the Surgical Intensive Care Unit.

Another alumna, U.S. Navy Lieutenant Commander Cindy Baggott, MS '00, RN, CCRN, is preparing to set sail in June aboard the amphibious assault ship USS BELLEAU WOOD (LHA-3) for its deployment to the Arabian Sea. This is her third deployment, and her second to the Middle East, since joining the Fleet Surgical Team (FST) FIVE in June 2000.

As the sole critical care nurse for FST FIVE, which is based in San Diego, Lt. Cmdr. Baggott is responsible for the ship's 14-bed combined intensive care unit and post-anesthesia care unit, as well as the 52-bed inpatient ward and 200-bed overflow berthing. The ship serves a secondary mission as a casualty treatment and receiving ship, and has the largest hospital afloat, aside from the Navy's two hospital ships. She also serves as the medical department's training officer.

"Each Marine Expeditionary Unit trains and prepares for missions arising in global hot spots," explains Lt. Cmdr. Baggott. "Providing medical and casualty care is critical to the success of the mission."

"We are very proud of our military alumni, and we are honored to say that they are graduates of the University of Maryland School of Nursing," said Dean Heller. "This is what military nurses train for all their lives, and now they have been called upon to put their education and training into action."



Dr. Heffner (ER); Lt. Michael Pike, MS '01, RN; and Lt. Villaire (ER Nurse) pose in front of Harrier jets on the USS Bataan in the North Arabian Sea.



Members of FST FIVE, U.S. Navy Lt. Cmdr. Cindy Baggott, MS '00, RN, CCRN; HM3 Timothy Bickerton; and Lt. Cmdr. Beth Ann Movinsky, NC USN, CRNA, on the flight deck of the USS Kitty Hawk.

CONGRESSIONAL FORUM ON COUNTER-TERRORISM HOSTED BY SCHOOL OF NURSING

U.S. Congressman Elijah E. Cummings held an anti-terrorism summit at the School of Nursing to, according to Cummings, “review our current ability to prevent, and if necessary respond, to acts of terrorism.” Invited guests included representatives of local and state law enforcement agencies, public health officials, Maryland National Guard, U.S. Coast Guard members, and elected leaders from Baltimore City and Baltimore County.

In his opening remarks, Cummings stated that citizens have a right to safety and that the federal government has to “step up to the plate” and increase funding to local agencies that would be the first responders to acts of terrorism.

Baltimore Mayor Martin O’Malley reminded attendees that we are “waging war on two fronts.” “While no expense has been spared to support those fighting in Afghanistan, such as not been the case with the war at home.”

General James Fretterd of the Maryland National Guard noted that since September 11, 238 Maryland National Guardsmen have been placed on patrol at BWI Airport to beef up security, and that Guard medical evacuation teams are well-trained and ready.

Peter Beilenson, MD, MPH, commissioner of the Baltimore City Health Department, assured attendees that his office examines data daily in order to track any irregularities in health services as they relate to possible threats of bioterrorism.



U.S. Congressman, Elijah E. Cummings addresses the audience at the anti-terrorism summit held at the School of Nursing in November 2001.

“If there is a spike in the data beyond a standard deviation, we will be able to pick it up early,” said Beilenson. “Even three to five days after a small pox exposure, vaccine can be effective.”

Additional panelists included Baltimore County Executive C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger; Frank Calia, MD, Vice Dean of the University of Maryland School of Medicine; Stephen Schimpff, MD, CEO of the University of Maryland Medical System; Al Collins, Chief of Staff for Governor Glendening; Phillip Clark, Federal Emergency Management Agency; Lynne A. Hunt, SAC, Federal Bureau of Investigation; Donald Keldsen, Maryland Emergency Management Agency; Lt. Col. David Czorapinkis, Maryland State Police; Acting Baltimore City Fire Chief Carl E. McDonald; and Lt. Cmdr. Bill Hishon, United States Coast Guard.

SCHOOL OF NURSING RESPONDS TO TERRORIST ATTACKS

In the aftermath of 9/11, many important questions have been raised as to state of preparedness in the event of a bioterrorist attack. Questions such as, “What is the local plan?” “Are our hospitals prepared?” What are the roles of health care workers, firefighters, and police?” have taken on new meaning and importance.

In response to those issues, the School of Nursing has taken a proactive role in creating methods for sharing information and educating all of our constituents about community issues relating to bioterrorism. Dean Heller immediately spearheaded the development of a School of Nursing task force to examine and identify ways of educating and informing our internal and external communities in the event of a crisis. Under the direction of Margaret McEntee, PhD, RN, CPC, Associate Professor, and the School’s representative to the National Nursing Coalition for Mass Casualty Education, the task force immediately began to plan and implement a series of teach-ins. The first, “University of Maryland Emergency Preparedness Plan,” was held in early November. Dr. McEntee presented Goals of Terrorism, and U.S. Army Captain Leroy Marklund, MS ’01, a bioterrorism expert from Ft. Detrick, Md., discussed The Four Most Likely Bio-Terrorism Agents. Related topics such as disaster management and the campus emergency preparedness plan were also discussed.

“The School of Nursing has a responsibility to its faculty, staff, students and community to provide information related to their protection against terrorism,” stated Dr. McEntee. “This forum provided the knowledge and assurance that we have an emergency plan in effect and that we are working to assure their safety in the event of a bioterrorism attack.”

Later in November, the School hosted a Congressional Forum on Counter-terrorism, led by U.S. Congressman Elijah E. Cummings. Representatives from local and state law enforcement agencies, public health agencies, military personnel, and elected leaders from Baltimore City and Baltimore County attended the forum to review and analyze our ability to prevent and respond to possible acts of terrorism. (See article above.)

According to Dr. McEntee, educating our community is paramount. Hence, she traveled to Montgomery County in March to deliver a lecture on bioterrorism to the Montgomery County Health Department. Dr. McEntee also stressed the importance of developing curriculum for mass casualty education for schools of nursing worldwide. A new course for the fall ’02 semester, “Nurses Roles in Mass Casualty Incidences/Weapons of Mass Destruction,” is currently being developed. The course will be offered at

the School as an elective at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Several additions to the core curriculum have also been made to NURS 309 (Health of Diverse Populations, Communities, Families and Individuals) to reflect a stronger emphasis on the community health perspective.

As part of the task force’s initiatives, the School was downlinked to a satellite broadcast, “Biological and Chemical Warfare and Terrorism: Medical Issues and Response,” offered by the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Disease and the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense.

The three-day broadcast, which took place Nov. 28-30, 2001, offered military and civilian health care providers an overview of biological and chemical agents. In addition, experts addressed the management of a biological or chemical warfare or terrorist event and described the roles of first responders, pubic health and medical personnel.

The task force also developed a list of people interested in receiving information on weapons of mass destruction, bioterrorism and mass casualty, which was sent to a listserve. Those on the list will continue to receive information.



Patricia Morton, PhD, RN, CRNP, FAAN, Professor, Adult Health Nursing and Senior Specialist for Master’s Education; U.S. Army Captain Leroy Marklund, MS ’01; and Dean Heller at the bioterrorism teach-in held at the School of Nursing in November 2001.

CONFERENCES PREPARE EMBASSY HEALTH WORKERS

In March the School of Nursing and the University of Maryland School of Medicine hosted conferences on primary care for embassy health care workers. The conferences were funded by a five-year, \$664,640 training contract that provides for a minimum of four primary care medical conferences a year for embassy health care workers from around the world. More than 100 nurses and physicians from across the globe attended the conferences.

“It’s been a good partnership,” said Carolyn Waltz, PhD, RN, FAAN, associate dean for academic affairs at the School of Nursing. “For many conference sessions, our nurses were paired with their counterparts in the School of Medicine to offer quality training to a very diverse group of attendees.”

Along with reviewing day-to-day skills such as microscopy, radiology, suturing, and treating anxiety and depression, the nurses and physicians attended sessions on bioterrorism, disaster management and emergency medicine.

Attendees Vicky Temperly and Jean Bowskill, who are nurses at the U.S. embassies in Islamabad, Pakistan, and Tel Aviv, Israel, said they need to be prepared for anything – from treating everyday illnesses and injuries to evacuating a building during a bomb scare – in two of the most dangerous embassy posts in the world.

Temperly, from the embassy in Islamabad, said she learned the importance of pre-planning and logistics from the disaster preparedness seminar. “The conference in general improved my confidence in dealing with all types of medical situations,” she said.

Bowskill found the bioterrorism session to be the most useful. “Where I work, in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, we are under constant threat,” she said. “This training enhances our preparedness.”



Valerie Sabol, MSN, RN, ACNP-C, Clinical Instructor, Department of Adult Health (far right), instructs one of the health care professionals who attended the primary care conference hosted by the School of Nursing in March 2002.

At the session on anxiety and depression, Ester Karaba, a nurse in Djibouti, Africa, learned how to be more effective in treating her patients’ psychological traumas. “During the recent global anthrax scare, many of my patients thought they were sick. They weren’t. But I had to deal with their fears. Now, I’m more prepared to treat patient anxiety.”

“We are pleased to host these conferences in cooperation with the School of Medicine,” said Dean Heller. “Now, more than ever, this type of training is imperative for embassy health care workers around the world.”

SCHOOL OF NURSING DEVELOPING PILOT PROGRAM FOR STATE CHILDCARE PROVIDERS

COLLABORATIVE EFFORT PROMOTES HEALTH AND SAFETY IN CHILDCARE.

AS PART OF THE NATIONAL HEALTHY CHILD CARE AMERICA CAMPAIGN, THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES (DHR) HAS AWARDED A \$386,719 CONTRACT TO THE SCHOOL OF NURSING TO FUND A PILOT PROGRAM FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A STATEWIDE SYSTEM OF HEALTH CARE CONSULTATION AND TRAINING FOR CHILDCARE PROVIDERS. TO THIS END, A CHILDCARE HEALTH CONSULTATION AND TRAINING OFFICE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AT THE SCHOOL TO RESPOND TO CHILDCARE PROVIDERS’ INQUIRIES FOR ADVICE AND HEALTH CARE INFORMATION. MARLA OROS, MS, RN, ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR CLINICAL AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, WILL DIRECT THE STAFF IN THE DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION OF SEVERAL INITIATIVES INCLUDING:

- » Developing web-based and distance learning educational programs to respond to training needs of childcare providers across the state;
- » Training and supervising a statewide network of nurse consultants to provide health information to regional child care providers;
- » Developing an annual educational program to support key areas of training necessary to improve the knowledge and skills of the care providers;
- » Developing a system to evaluate and monitor achievement of program goals and objectives.

“My vision is that this interactive relationship between the childcare

community and health professionals, particularly nurses, will be the beginning of a culture that recognizes childcare providers as very pivotal in promoting the health and safety of our children,” said Doris Addo-Glover, MSN, RN, nurse coordinator for the program. “A child-care provider who is trained and knowledgeable about health and safety issues can raise the same awareness in parents and guardians, which will in turn foster the creation of healthy families.”

Prince George’s County, an urban county, and Frederick County, with a more rural outlook, were selected as the sites for the pilot program. The information garnered from the pilot



Pilot program will train childcare providers.

program will be used to perfect the outreach activities for expansion to other Maryland counties and to build strong partnerships around other community/childcare initiatives.

“This collaborative effort will help childcare providers obtain the training they need, while increasing access to health and social service programs,” stated Ms. Oros.

NEW WELLMOBILE LAUNCHED AT ANNAPOLIS CEREMONY

PARTNERS AND FRIENDS CELEBRATE EXPANSION OF GOVERNOR’S WELLMOBILE PROGRAM.

STATE LEGISLATORS, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, FUNDING PARTNERS AND OTHER FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL OF NURSING JOINED FACULTY, STAFF, STUDENTS AND ALUMNI AT A CEREMONY HELD IN ANNAPOLIS IN JANUARY TO CELEBRATE THE EXPANSION OF THE GOVERNOR’S WELLMOBILE PROGRAM AND THE LAUNCHING OF THE SCHOOL’S FIFTH WELLMOBILE. THE NEW WELLMOBILE, DESIGNATED TO SERVE CITIZENS OF WESTERN MARYLAND, ADDS TO THE FLEET OF MOBILE CLINICS CURRENTLY OPERATING IN BALTIMORE, MONTGOMERY AND PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTIES AND ON THE EASTERN SHORE.

The Wellmobile Program, which began in 1994, provides primary care services to uninsured and underserved citizens in geographically remote areas and communities with

minimal health care services. The program also provides on-site, clinical practical experience for both graduate and undergraduate nursing students.

“This innovative delivery of health care means that Maryland will lead the way in ensuring the health of all its citizens,” said Lt. Governor Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, who led the roster

of speakers. “We are not waiting for people to go to hospitals. We are going back to the notion of doctors going to the people and bringing health care to those who need it most.”

Also delivering remarks were Delegate Michael E. Busch, Chairman, Economic Matters Committee; Delegate Marilyn Goldwater, RN; Dr. David J. Ramsay, President, University of Maryland Baltimore; Dr. Barbara R. Heller, Dean, University of Maryland School of Nursing; and Marla T. Oros, MS, RN, Associate Dean for Clinical and External Affairs at the School of Nursing and co-founder of Connect Maryland. Also in attendance were Wellmobile Advisory Board members Dr. Eric R. Baugh, Medical Director, CareFirst; Gerald T. Brady, President, West and Brady; William Goldstein, Chairman and CEO, Travel-On; and The Honorable Agnes T. Welch, Baltimore City Council. On hand for the celebration were State Treasurer Nancy Kopp; Delagate John Donoghue; Dr. Donald N. Langenberg, Chancellor, University System of Maryland; William T. Wood, a member of the University System of Maryland Board of Regents; Carolyn McGuire-Frenkil, a member of the School of Nursing’s Board of Visitors; and former Baltimore City Mayor Kurt Schmoke.

“The Governor’s Wellmobile Program is truly making a difference in improving the health status and quality of life for our state’s most at-risk populations,” said Marla Oros. “Without the Wellmobile, these citizens would not have access to health care except in our hospital emergency rooms.”

The highlight of the event was the recognition of two major donors who have made significant contributions to the Wellmobile Program. Thomas P. Barbera, president and CEO of Mid Atlantic Medical Services, Inc. (MAMSI) presented a check for \$25,000 on behalf of his organization. David S. Oros, founder and CEO of Aether Systems and president of Connect Maryland, presented a check for \$600,000 on behalf of Connect Maryland, and made an additional pledge of \$600,000 per year for the next nine years. Connect Maryland is a non-profit organization that pools the resources and talents of Maryland entrepreneurs to support children’s social issues. The organization makes long-term investments in programs that improve the education, health care and social development of Maryland youth.

“We are very grateful for these generous gifts,” said Dean Heller. “This level of commitment speaks volumes about the importance of the Governor’s Wellmobile Program and the critical services it provides to vulnerable populations throughout Maryland.” Following the ceremony, guests were invited to tour the new Wellmobile.



Left to right – Marla Oros, MS, RN, Associate Dean for Clinical and External Affairs, and her husband, David Oros, founder and CEO of Aether Systems and president of Connect Maryland, present a check for \$600,000 to Dean Heller in support of the Governor’s Wellmobile Program.



Surrounded by School of Nursing faculty and staff, public officials, business executives and other well-wishers, Dean Heller, Marla Oros and Lieutenant Governor Kathleen Kennedy Townsend cut the ribbon on the new Wellmobile.

GROUNDBREAKING HELD FOR NEW OPEN GATES HEALTH CENTER

“THROUGH THIS CENTER, YOUR HARD WORK, AND
OTHER EFFORTS TO PROVIDE CARE FOR ALL OF OUR
CITIZENS, BALTIMORE WILL BECOME A BETTER AND
A HEALTHIER CITY.”
 —THE HONORABLE MARTIN O’MALLEY,
MAYOR, BALTIMORE CITY



School of Nursing faculty, staff and students, the board of directors of Open Gates, Inc., public officials, and friends and partners of the School gathered on May 22, for a groundbreaking ceremony at the future site of the new Open Gates Health Center. The roster of speakers, led by Baltimore Mayor Martin O’Malley, also included Dr. Peter Beilenson, Commissioner, Baltimore City Health Department; Dr. Malinda Orlin, Vice President, University of Maryland Baltimore; Dean Heller; Marla Oros, MS, RN, Associate Dean for Clinical and External Affairs and Chair of the Open Gates, Inc. Board of Directors; and Margaret Josza, Executive Director, Open Gates Health Center.

The new 5,600 square foot facility, scheduled to open in January 2003 at 1111 Washington Boulevard, is supported by a successful capital campaign led by the Open Gates, Inc., Board of Directors, which has garnered in excess of \$2.6 million. The Center will replace

the current facility, which was opened in a converted row house in 1993 with \$250,000 in seed money from the Middendorf Foundation. Funders for the new clinic include Aether Systems; the Middendorf Foundation; the Abell Foundation; the Straus Foundation; Peter Angelos, Esquire; the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation; Marla and David Oros; and a significant gift from an anonymous donor. The new facility will include 10 exam rooms, enlarged patient waiting areas, nursing triage and consultation space, expanded office space for faculty and staff, and new space dedicated for community meetings. This expanded space will support the needs for increased volume in clinic visits and student clinical education envisioned for the new clinic.

Established in 1993 as a full-service, community-based health clinic for residents of Baltimore’s Pigtown/ Washington Village neighborhood, the

Left to right – Marla Oros, MS, RN, Associate Dean for Clinical and External Affairs; Baltimore City Mayor Martin O’Malley; Dean Heller; and Dr. Malinda Orlin, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Graduate School, University of Maryland Baltimore, break ground for the new Open Gates Health Center.

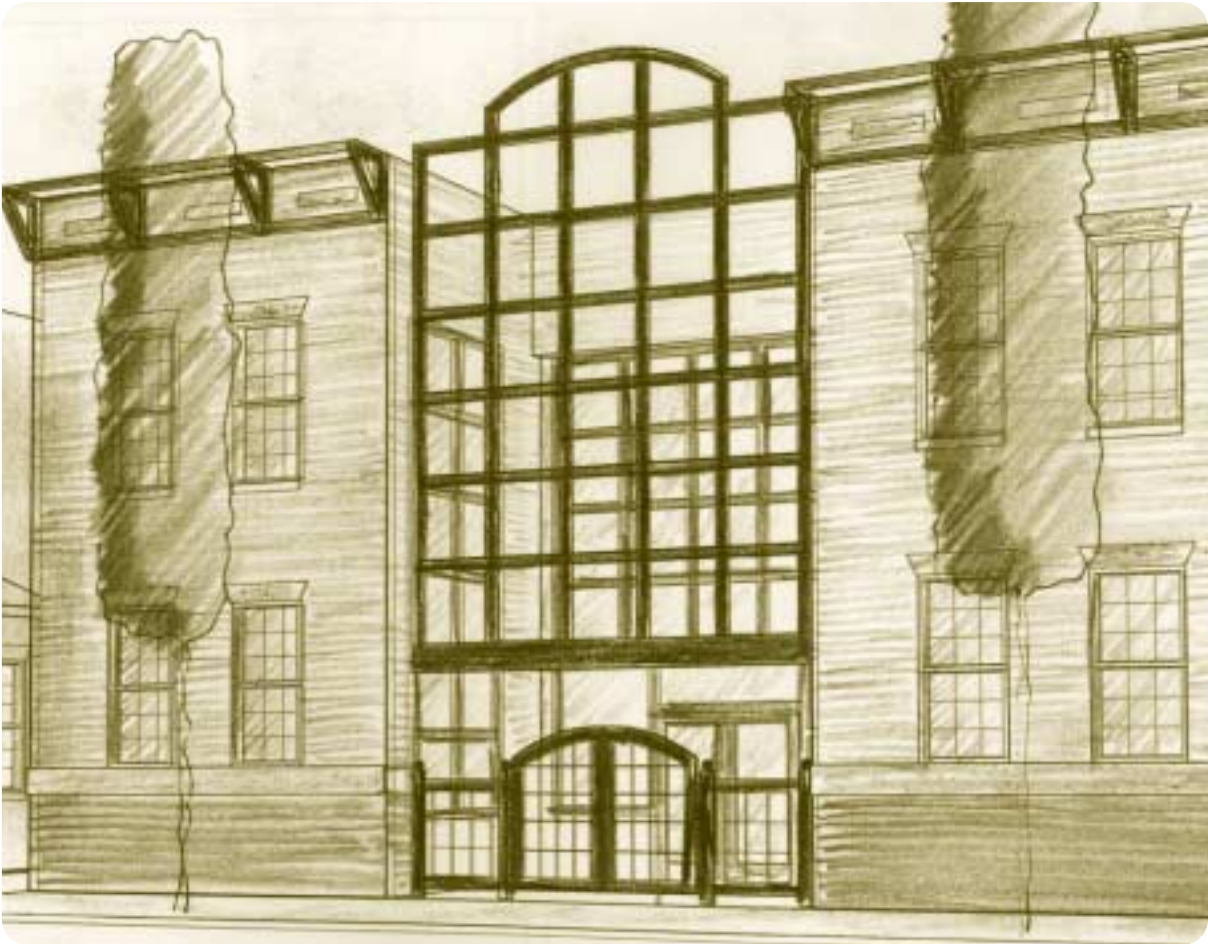
Open Gates mission is twofold: to meet the health care needs of the uninsured and underserved populations and to redefine the clinical learning experience through an evidence-based practice model. Open Gates emphasizes not only hands-on primary care, but community outreach as well. The Center relies on a family-focused service model to provide a full spectrum of primary care, health promotion and disease management programs.

The nurse practitioner faculty and students who manage and staff Open Gates have full authority to diagnose and treat acute and chronic medical problems, write prescriptions, provide psychotherapy and mental health counseling, and make referrals to other care providers in the community. Their

success demonstrates the value of a nurse-centered approach to health care. The space in the new facility will allow the staff to double the number of patients served annually and provide more opportunities for community-based health programs.

“By doing their clinical training at Open Gates, our students get involved in real-life, hands-on community health projects,” stated Marla Oros. “Open Gates moves our curriculum beyond the traditional classroom; it is an exceptional site for community-based clinical learning.”

“The Open Gates program demonstrates the potential of the Clinical Enterprise to reinvent the teaching and practice of nursing and revolutionize the delivery of health care,” stated Dean Heller.



The current Open Gates Health Center, opened 1993 at 920 Washington Boulevard. Artist’s rendering depicts the new Open Gates Health Center, scheduled to open in January 2003, at 1111 Washington Boulevard.

CURRICULUM REVISIONS TO ENHANCE RESEARCH EXPERIENCE FOR DOCTORAL CANDIDATES

SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 1979, THE SCHOOL OF NURSING’S DOCTORAL PROGRAM HAS FOCUSED ON PRODUCING GRADUATES WHO ARE BOTH RESEARCHERS AND SCHOLARS.

Over the years, the program has consistently received high marks for its sound preparation of nurse researchers and scholars, who dedicate their careers to the advancement of nursing science. Building on this strong foundation, the faculty recently proposed revisions to the curriculum, which were subsequently approved by the Graduate School. Designed to further enhance the research mentorship component of the PhD program, the revised curriculum ensures that graduates are optimally prepared for a future in contemporary nursing research and practice.

“Since its inception, the PhD program has included hands-on research experience,” explains Louise S. Jenkins, PhD, RN, Associate Professor and Director of Graduate Studies. “The proposed revisions intensify and extend opportunities for research experience...and position students to prepare and submit applications for external funding earlier in their training.”

Operating on the notion that active student involvement in research early in the PhD program is essential for success, the School has identified three primary goals for the proposed revisions: 1) to strengthen faculty-student mentoring relationships; 2) to expand opportunities for mentored research experiences in required course-work, formalized research rotations and practica; and 3) to maximize opportunities for developing working research relationships with highly qualified research mentors. Taken together, these goals will provide students with a competitive advantage as they compete for extramural funding to support their preliminary and dissertation research.

The School’s research-intensive environment and the aggressive advancement of its research agenda has been aided significantly by recruitment of a cadre of faculty scientists who serve as mentors and role models to young nurse investigators. The faculty, many of whom have active funded research programs, will continue to play a central role in the expansion and improvement of doctoral study at the School.

“The faculty are highly experienced and seasoned in the conduct of peer-reviewed research, and are, therefore, well positioned to facilitate socialization to a career in research and scholarship,” says Dr. Jenkins.

The proposed changes to the doctoral program are the culmination of a two-year collaborative effort spearheaded by the Doctoral Curriculum Subcommittee. The Committee, comprised of faculty and students, solicited input from numerous constituent groups to develop a proposed realignment of core course content in research design, methods, theory and analysis. Such revisions would impact the first year of full-time study and alter those core courses that are prerequisites in the second year. To accomplish these goals, seven new core courses have been developed for both full- and part-time students. The minimum credit requirement for completion of the program will remain at 60.

ACCREDITATION SITE VISITORS OFFER HIGH PRAISE FOR SON PROGRAMS

In late February, the School of Nursing hosted representatives from the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC), the American College of Nurse Midwives Association and the Maryland State Board of Nursing to review and evaluate the School’s programs and its eligibility for continuing or initial accreditation. The NLNAC and Maryland Board of Nursing conducted a comprehensive review of the School’s baccalaureate and master’s programs for re-accreditation. The American College of Nurse Midwives evaluated the School’s new graduate specialty in nurse midwifery for initial accreditation.

In its final report recommending an additional eight years of accreditation, the NLNAC commended the School, citing many “patterns of strength,” including a strong tradition of community service exemplified by its vast clinical enterprise; the diversity of faculty and students; undergraduate and graduate curricula strongly grounded in contemporary nursing practice; number and variety of curricular options; numerous opportunities for interdisciplinary collaborative practice for faculty and

students; the School’s excellent resources; the extensive systematic plan for program evaluation; and the Dean’s visionary leadership. The NLNAC cited no “patterns of concern” in its review. An NLNAC Evaluation Commission meeting scheduled for June will take into consideration the visitors’ report and the School’s self-study before making its final decision.

“This is an outstanding achievement and a wonderful tribute to the School’s continuing tradition of educational leadership and innovation,” said Dr. Heller.

The School’s midwifery program also received high marks. A report will be forwarded to the Board of the American College of Nurse Midwives Association for review also in June, after which the School will be notified of the program’s accreditation status.

“Accreditation is a process of self-study and peer review that affords the opportunity to evaluate nursing education programs and graduate outcomes, using agreed upon indicators of quality and benchmarks for success,” said Professor Carolyn F. Waltz, PhD, RN, FAAN, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

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Sara Torres, PhD, RN, FAAN, Associate Professor and Director, PAHO/WHO Collaborating Center for Nursing in Mental Health Promotion.

After several years of extensive outreach, education and training initiatives involving the School of Nursing and international health care organizations throughout Latin America, the School has received notification that it is to be designated a Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)/World Health Organization (WHO) Collaborating Center for Nursing in Mental Health Promotion. As a PAHO/WHO Collaborating Center, the School will work with staff from both organizations, as well as nurse educators from various Latin American countries to strengthen the knowledge base of psychiatric health nursing education, practice and research in the PAHO region. Sara Torres, PhD, RN, FAAN, Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Behavioral and Community Health, will serve as the Center’s director.

The impetus for this innovative collaboration was established in the School’s strategic plan, which identified expanded efforts in international and multicultural education, research and clinical service as one of its top priorities. Recognizing the trend toward the globalization of health care during the last decade, the School has dramatically increased its international presence by demonstrating leadership and extending its influence around the globe through partnerships and collaborations such as this.

“The School of Nursing is uniquely positioned to address the severe shortage of mental health services in Latin America,” says Dr. Torres. “Our location in Baltimore and proximity to Washington, D.C., where there are large populations of Latino immigrants, has given faculty an opportunity to develop an understanding of the needs of this culture.”

EXPANDING GLOBAL COLLABORATIONS: INTERNATIONAL HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS BENEFIT FROM SCHOOL’S EXPERTISE

During the two-year pre-designation period, Dr. Torres visited several Latin American countries, including Guatemala, Honduras, Costa Rica and Colombia, to meet and consult with health officials on mental health issues related to nursing. Mental Health has been designated a WHO priority in the 2000 World Health Report. Presently, there are fewer than 10 psychiatric nurses practicing in Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador combined.

In other international news, Dean Heller, and Drs. Waltz and Mills, recently joined Maryland Secretary of Business and Economic Development, David Iannucci, and other state officials on the Maryland-China Mission 2001. The two-week exchange program provided the opportunity to visit nursing and medical schools and hospitals throughout China, and lay the groundwork for future collaborations in research, teaching and practice. Here at home, the School of Nursing welcomed Chinese nursing students to the Baltimore campus. The exchange provided an unprecedented opportunity for the School to broaden the scope of its international activities by forging a deeper understanding of approaches to health care and education outside the U.S.

“This trip offered an up-close look at health care education and practice in the world’s oldest existing civilization, and, in doing so, gave us new perspectives on how we approach similar issues here at home,” said Dean Heller. “The relationships we developed with nursing leaders in China as a result of this mission will help us advance our goals of international partnership and exchange.”

SCHOOL OF NURSING BOASTS 18 ACADEMY FELLOWS

The School of Nursing’s 2001 inductee into the American Academy of Nursing is Mary Etta C. Mills, ScD, RN, FAAN, Associate Professor and Director of Professional and Distributive Studies, who was inducted as a Fellow of the Academy at ceremonies held in Washington, D.C., on October 27, 2001. This brings to 18 the total number of faculty who hold membership in the Academy, including new faculty member Mary R. Haack, PhD, RN, FAAN, Associate Professor, Department of Behavioral and Community Health. Also included in the total are Sally Raphael, MS, RN, Clinical Instructor, Department of Behavioral and Community Health and other new faculty member Elias Vasquez, PhD, NNP, PNP, FAANP, Assistant Professor, Department of Child, Women’s and Family Health, both of whom received the good news that they have been elected to the Academy.



Mary Etta Mills, ScD, RN, FAAN, Associate Professor, Department of Education, Administration, Informatics and Health Policy (EAIHP) and Director of Professional and Distributive Studies celebrates her induction into the American Academy of Nursing. Left to right: Carolyn Waltz, PhD, RN, FAAN, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs; Ruth Harris, PhD, RN, CRNP, FAAN, Chair and Professor, Department of Adult Health Nursing and Acting Chair, EAHIP; Carol Romano, PhD '93, MS '85, BSN '77, RN, BC, CNAA, FAAN, Deputy Chief, Department of Clinical Research Informatics, National Institutes of Health; Dr. Mills; Donald Mills; and Dean Heller.

SCHOOL OF NURSING HOSTS NLN SUMMIT RECEPTION

The School of Nursing hosted a reception on September 21 for attendees of the National League for Nursing Education Summit 2001, held in Baltimore September 20-23. Dean Heller welcomed over 100 guests to the School for tours of the building and a taste of Maryland cuisine.

Graduate students led guests on a tour of the building, including the clinical simulation labs and the Living History Museum. It was a bittersweet time for everyone who enjoyed the evening's festivities, but were also still deeply affected by the horrific events of September 11.

"I have never uttered the word 'welcome' with more sincerity and warmth than I do this evening," stated Dean Heller. "I know how difficult it was for many of you to

attend this Summit, and I am especially appreciative of the sacrifices you made to get here."

At the opening session, Dean Heller introduced Maryland Lieutenant Governor Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, who delivered welcoming remarks. Chancellor Langenberg also brought greetings. In addition, Dean Heller moderated a symposium, "Policy and Politics in Nursing: A View From the Legislature," which included as panelists Maryland nurse legislators and School of Nursing alumnae Del. Adelaide Eckhardt, MS '81, BSN '78, RN and Del. Shirley Nathan-Pulliam, BSN '80, RN.



Dean Heller greets Dr. M. Louise Fitzpatrick, Dean of the Villanova University College of Nursing, at the NLN Reception hosted by the School of Nursing in September.



School of Nursing graduate students served as tour guides at the NLN Summit Reception. Left to right – Louise Jenkins, PhD, RN, Director of Graduate Studies; Sunalee Lirtmunlikaporn; Acharaporn Sripusanapan; Charles Larew and Piyatida Junlapeeya.

SECOND ANNUAL SCHOOL OF NURSING NIGHT IN ANNAPOLIS A HUGE SUCCESS

More than 75 legislators turned out to meet students, faculty, staff and alumni at the School of Nursing's second annual School of Nursing Night in Annapolis held on January 28. The event is designed as a forum to meet legislators and discuss issues critical to nursing and nursing education. Topics on this year's agenda included the critical shortage of nurses, student scholarships and improving access to health care for the underserved citizens of the state. In addition, students came to learn about the role of nurses in affecting public policy.

Dean Heller personally greeted the more than 200 guests, including Secretary of State John T. Willis; Del. Michael E. Busch, Chairman, Economic Matters Committee; Sen. Arthur Dorman, Vice Chairman, Finance Committee; Del. Jennie Forehand; Del. Lisa Gladden; Del. James Hubbard; Del. Nancy Hubers; Del. Dan Morhaim; Del. Howard "Pete" Rawlings; and Del. Robert Zirkin. Also in attendance were nurse legislators Sen. Paula Hollinger,

RN; Del. Marilyn Goldwater, RN; and School of Nursing alumnae Del. Adelaide "Addie" Eckhardt, MS '81, BSN '78; and Del. Shirley Nathan-Pulliam, BSN '80.

Carolyn McGuire-Frenkil and Anthony Masso represented the School of Nursing's Board of Visitors.

"This event provides a wonderful opportunity for our students to meet the decision makers who help shape our state's health policy," said Dean Heller. "We are pleased that so many legislators took time from their busy schedules to come out and talk to our students, faculty, staff and alumni."

Following the event, Speaker Casper R. Taylor, Jr., acknowledged Dean Heller and members of the School of Nursing faculty on the floor of the House of Delegates.

Mark your calendars for next year's Legislative Night scheduled for Monday, January 27, 2003, at the Governor Calvert House.



Del. Shirley Nathan-Pulliam, BSN '80, RN, discussed legislative issues with School of Nursing students at School of Nursing Night in Annapolis, held on Jan. 28, 2002.



Dean Heller welcomed Del. Nancy Hubers (center) and Carolyn McGuire-Frenkil, a member of the School of Nursing's Board of Visitors.

A DOZEN YEARS



1993 – Celebrating First *U.S. News & World Report* Top Ten Ranking with Governor William Donald Schaefer.



1994 – Convocation, with Dr. Shirley S. Chater, RN, U.S. Social Security Commissioner.



1996 – Groundbreaking for new building, with Dr. Perry and Dr. Waltz.



1996 – At bill signing in Annapolis.



1996 – With Dr. Patricia A. Grady, MS '68, Director, National Institute of Nursing Research, NIH.



1997 – Congratulating graduate Gregory Williams, BSN, RN.



1999 – With Lieutenant Governor Kathleen Kennedy Townsend at the School of Nursing.



2000 – Founder's Day Gala with President David J. Ramsay and other Deans.



2000 – With Kathy McCullough, MS '79, Senior Vice President for Patient Care Services, UMMC, at Student Bullpen Party, Camden Yards.



2001 – With Dr. Mills and Dr. Waltz, Maryland-China Mission, Tienamin Square.

DOZENS OF MEMORIES



1994 – Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for first Wellmobile in Prince George's County.



1995 – Throwing out the first pitch at Camden Yards.



1997 – With Surgeon General Jocelyn Elders at the School of Nursing.



1997 – First trip to Israel.



1997 – With Congresswoman Constance A. Morella at Convocation.



1997 – Topping Off Ceremony, new building.



1998 – Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for new building.



2001 – Maryland-China Mission, Beijing.



2002 – With Senator Paula C. Hollinger at Convocation.

ANN OTTNEY CAIN LECTURE DRAWS COLLEAGUES AND FRIENDS

Ann Ottney Cain, PhD, RN, CSP, FAAN, a retired professor of psychiatric nursing at the School of Nursing, was on hand to welcome attendees of the fourth annual Ann Ottney Cain Lecture in Psychiatric Nursing held on April 5. More than 100 faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends came to the School to pay tribute to Dr. Cain and to hear the lecture, “When There Are No Words: Surviving the Unspeakable – Thriving in a Post-9/11 Nation,” delivered by Daniel J. Sheridan, PhD, RN, Assistant Professor at The

Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing.

The lecture was established in honor of Dr. Cain upon her retirement in 1994 from the School. Through the generosity of students and colleagues, the School of Nursing established an endowment to support the lecture, which is delivered each year by a scholar with expertise in the area of psychiatric practice, research and education.

To ensure the continuation of this important event, additional support is needed. Contributions can be made



by contacting the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs, 410-706-8418. Mark your calendars for next year’s lecture, which will be held on Friday, April 4, 2003.

Ann Ottney Cain, PhD, RN, CSP, FAAN, greets Daniel J. Sheridan, PhD, RN, guest speaker for the Ann Ottney Cain Lecture in Psychiatric Nursing, held in April 2002.

OVER 100 STUDENTS INDUCTED INTO NURSING HONOR SOCIETY

Alumni, faculty, administrators, parents and friends filled the School of Nursing auditorium on May 5 for the installation of the newest members to the Pi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing. One hundred forty-two students joined the ranks of the more than 120,000 Sigma Theta Tau members worldwide, including more than 1,700 members from the University of Maryland School of Nursing.

Lois H. Neuman, PhD, RN, president of the chapter, welcomed the group, and Dean Heller delivered opening remarks.

“You have demonstrated through excellence in scholarship and practice your commitment to uphold the ideals of the pioneering individuals who came before you,” stated Dean Heller. “Through your example, many others will be inspired to follow.”

An international honor society of nursing committed to the pursuit of excellence in clinical practice, education, research and leadership, Sigma Theta Tau recognizes the exceptional achievements of nurses who embody the principles on which the organization was founded 80 years ago.



The Pi Chapter was founded in 1959 as the 15th chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, and is the second largest chapter in the world. The chapter provides research awards, scholarships and support for members’ scholarly activities.

Lois H. Neuman, PhD, RN, (left) and Dean Heller present scholarships to Henrietta Weatherbee (undergraduate student) and Adonaca Fraser (graduate student) during the Annual Sigma Theta Tau Induction Ceremony held in May 2002.

SCHOOL OF NURSING FACULTY AND STAFF RECOGNIZED AT SERVICE AWARDS CEREMONY

Anne Edwards, Academic Program Specialist in the Office of Student Affairs, and Marla Oros, MS, RN, Associate Dean for Clinical and External Affairs, Office of Clinical and External Affairs, were acknowledged for outstanding service at the University of Maryland Baltimore’s Annual Campus Recognition and Community Service Awards ceremony held on May 7.

Ms. Edwards was recognized for 35 years of service with the School of Nursing. During her tenure, Anne has held many positions, ranging from Clerk Typist, to Office Supervisor, to her current post as Academic Program



Dean Heller commends Anne Edwards, who celebrated 35 years of service with the School of Nursing.



Dean Heller congratulates Marla Oros, the recipient of the University's Community Service Award for 2001-2002.

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BUILDING THE FUTURE CAMPAIGN RAISES \$10 MILLION

**EXCEEDING EVEN OUR GREATEST EXPECTATIONS, THE BUILDING THE FUTURE CAMPAIGN
RAISES \$10 MILLION—\$3 MILLION OVER ITS \$7 MILLION GOAL!**

Planning for the campaign began in 1995 when the School of Nursing worked to identify goals, which would secure its position among the top ten nursing schools in the nation. Funds raised by the *Building the Future Campaign* would be earmarked to meet the needs of the new School of Nursing building, enhance faculty and academic programs, increase student scholarships, strengthen diversity and raise the level of unrestricted financial support through the Annual Fund.

Funding has come from corporate, private foundation and individual donors. This year, gifts from area medical centers to support the Clinical Scholars Program have come from the University of Maryland Medical System, Mercy Hospital, Sinai Hospital of

Baltimore, Mt. Washington Pediatric Center, the Washington Hospital Center, Suburban Hospital and Inova Health Systems. The Aaron Straus and Lillie Straus Foundation has awarded a grant to study the current nursing shortage in Maryland and a grant from the American Association of Colleges of Nursing and the John A. Hartford Foundation will provide scholarships for students in the Gerontology Advanced Practice Nursing program. Mr. Robert Pollock has endowed a scholarship fund in memory of his mother, Dorothy Toom Pollock, BSN '37, and in honor of his niece, Patricia Robinson Smith, MS '96; and the family of Judith Littlejohn, BSN '75, has established an endowed scholarship in her name.

"I cannot tell you how grateful I am

to all of the generous donors who have come forward to support nursing education and make this campaign a success," said Dean Heller. "Thanks to all of them, our School has been able to secure state-of-the-art equipment for our labs, scholarship support for our students and support for our clinical initiatives, among other needs targeted during the campaign."

Donations have provided support for clinical initiatives, which give students opportunities to practice clinical skills in a community setting and at the same time benefit underserved populations. A gift from Aether Systems will be used to support the delivery of health care services by faculty and students from the School of Nursing at the Open Gates Health Center in southwest

Baltimore. Connect Maryland and Mid Atlantic Medical Services, Inc. (MAMSI) have made significant contributions to the operations of the Governor's Wellmobile and a donation from the Tony Siragusa Foundation will support the Southwestern Family Center.

A Recognition Wall in the lobby of the School of Nursing building honors donors of \$5,000 or more. For a gift of \$250 to the Annual Fund, an engraved brass plaque can be affixed to the arm of an auditorium chair, giving donors an opportunity to name a chair for themselves, a classmate or faculty member, an honored colleague, or a loved one. Opportunities for a "named chair" are still available.

The needs of the School of Nursing continue even though the campaign is concluding. Costs continue to rise as state support is decreasing. You may make a gift to the School at any time in the form of a bequest, life income or gift annuity, or as cash. To discuss your giving to the School, contact Sharon Rabb, our new Director of Development and Alumni Affairs, 410-706-8418.

DOCENTS DEDICATED TO LIVING HISTORY MUSEUM

If you've ever seen good museum docents in action, you've probably marveled at their vast knowledge, energy and enthusiasm. In many museums, docents complete an extensive training course to learn the material they will share with visitors while on tours. The word docent, in fact, comes from the Latin word meaning "to teach."

At the School of Nursing's Living History Museum, the traditional concept of docent teaching goes one step further. Once docents are familiar with the contents of a fact-filled manual, they are encouraged to draw on their own "life experiences" to engage visitors in a discussion about nursing's past, present and future. And, what a deep reservoir of experience from which they draw.

The 41 current Living History Museum docents have practiced in every conceivable nursing field dating back to

the late 1930s. Collectively, the group has nearly 1000 years of nursing experience. That's right, a millennium spent as bedside nurses, visiting nurses, operating room nurses, recovery room nurses, labor and delivery nurses, premature nursery nurses, intensive care nurses, coronary care nurses, polio nurses, pediatric nurses, emergency room nurses, occupational and employee health nurses, rehabilitation nurses, geriatric nurses, long term care nurses, hospice nurses, correctional nurses, school nurses, military nurses, community health nurses, psychiatric nurses, head nurses, field supervisors, clinical and in-service instructors, teachers, professors, researchers and administrators.

As a local publication pointed out, "How many museums can you visit where

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Classmates and docents: Evelyn O'Connor, '51 (left) and Phyllis Scharp, '51.

SCHOOL OF NURSING HISTORY—COMING SOON!

A new illustrated history of the School of Nursing is now in production and will soon be available for distribution. Lead author, Dr. Alma Woolley, a distinguished nursing historian and the author of a history of Georgetown University School of Nursing, updates a brief history of the School of Nursing written by then-Dean Marion Murphy more than 25 years ago. Although focusing on the important events and achievements since 1976, the new publication recaptures the

School of Nursing's earlier history by including a version of Dean Murphy's original text.

Dr. Woolley, a former Dean of Georgetown's nursing school, is no stranger to the School of Nursing having served as visiting professor in the Department of Education, Administration, Informatics and Health Policy since her retirement from Georgetown. Other contributors include Dean Krimmel, Historian and Museum Director; Dean Heller; Patricia Adams, Assistant

Director for Media Relations and Publications; Dr. Lesley Perry, Vice Dean and Associate Dean for Administrative Services; Sharon Rabb, Director of Development and Alumni Affairs; and Leslie Lichtenberg. The publication will be illustrated with many contemporary and historical photographs, the latter drawn from the museum's extensive Alumni Association Collection.

One can only imagine how proud and amazed the founders and early graduates would be of today's School of

Nursing, its students, alumni and faculty—not to mention its state-of-the-art facility. We hope this publication finds its way onto the bookshelf of every friend of the School of Nursing and helps preserve for posterity the memory of this great institution and the many thousands of people whose dedication, determination and vision made possible its success.

For more information, contact Sharon Rabb, Director of Development and Alumni Relations, 410-706-8418.



FROM THE ALUMNI PRESIDENT

Our community of caregivers is very important to us. We have shared learning, clinical and research experiences, as we became clinicians and researchers, educators and leaders. As president of the University of

Maryland School of Nursing Alumni Association, I am personally enriched by my association with all of the nurses who have come before me – caregivers in times of tragedy, and partners providing vital support to the sick and the well, young and old, in all walks of life. The Alumni Association is a community that is here for us to make connections with senior nurses who have much wisdom to impart, and with students and new graduates who may benefit from our mentoring.

If you are a graduate of any degree program of the University of Maryland School of Nursing, you are a member of the Alumni Association. All you need to do to activate that membership is to take advantage of its benefits. Alumni Association benefits include some that are very tangible, like access to University of Maryland libraries and computer reference and search resources; book borrowing privileges and on-site access to electronic resources at University of Maryland Health Sciences & Human Services Library; a complimentary subscription to *The Pulse*, the School of Nursing newsletter; discounted membership to the University of Maryland Baltimore Athletic Center; and eligibility to join the State Employees Credit Union. One intangible benefit is the opportunity to participate in professional networking opportunities at Alumni Association and School of Nursing lectures, events and activities.

Here are two Alumni Association opportunities where you can take advantage of that intangible benefit:

Alumni Heritage Celebration

We will honor our graduates of the class of 1952 at their 50th reunion with a luncheon on Saturday, October 19, 2002. The class of 1977 is also making special plans for their reunion at this time, as are other classes. Watch the alumni page on the School of Nursing web-site www.nursing.umaryland.edu for more information.

Alumni Educational Outreach Program

The University of Maryland Alumni Association-International has provided us with a grant to build a speakers bureau. Alumni will network with our admissions department to visit elementary and secondary schools in Maryland to discuss the many opportunities in nursing and encourage children and young adults to consider this very special profession.

I hope you will take the opportunity to connect and reconnect with your community of University of Maryland School of Nursing Alumni by returning to the School for a lecture, a program, an event, or just for a visit.

Finally, I would like to say a word about our dean, Dr. Barbara R. Heller. Dr. Heller is leaving her position as dean on June 30, 2002 after 12 years of incredible service to the School of Nursing. She has brought our School to a new level of professionalism in nursing education. I, and all of the members of the Alumni Council, thank her for her dedication to our School and wish her well as she assumes a new responsibility as the executive director of the Center for Health Workforce Development here on the University of Maryland Baltimore campus, where she will be working to address the critical shortage of nurses and other healthcare professionals, and also as the School's first Rauschenbach Distinguished Professor.

Sincerely,

Barbara Resnick

Barbara Resnick, PhD '96, CRNP, FAAN
President

CLASS NOTES

1968 — Sandra Sundeen, MS '68, RN, CNA, has retired from her position as Chief of Staff, Development and Training/Chief Nurse, Mental Hygiene Administration.

1972 — Sharon R. Crowley, BSN '72, is currently employed as an independent

contractor working as a Forensic Clinical Nurse Specialist/Pediatric Sexual Assault Examiner at the Center for Child Protection, Santa Clara Valley Medical Center, San Jose, Calif.; as a Public Health Nurse II, at the Santa Cruz Health Services Agency; and, as a First Aid Nurse at the Santa Cruz Seaside Company.

1973 — Wendy Goldberg, BSN '73, MSN, RN, NP, Consultation-Liaison, Psychiatry, at the Henry Ford Behavioral Hospital in Detroit, won the state of Michigan's Nightingale Award for Nursing Practice at the 13th Annual Nightingale Awards for Nursing Recognition Dinner. The award was established to honor and celebrate excellence in nursing and to recognize outstanding nurses practicing throughout Michigan.

1983 — Susan K. Newbold, MS '83, RN, BC, FAAN, a doctoral student at the School of Nursing, spoke about "The Future of Informatics" at the 2001 International Mobile Informatics Conference in Healthcare held recently in Nova Scotia. In addition, Ms. Newbold's article, "FAQs About Nursing Informatics," was published in the "infoBytes" section of Nursing 2002, and she tied for second place for the American Medical Informatics Association President's Club award for membership recruitment during the 2000-2001 membership year.

1984 — Carolyn R. Schubert, MS, '84, BSN '73, co-authored an article, "Faculty Practice: How It Enhances Teaching," which was published in the December 2001 issue of the *Journal of Nursing*

Education. Ms. Schubert is the daughter of **Joan Gleason Hessey, DIN '50**, a volunteer docent in the School of Nursing's Living History Museum.

1986 — Karen McQuillan, MS, '86, BSN '81, was lead author on the third edition of *Trauma Nursing: From Resuscitation to Rehabilitation*. **Mary Beth Flynn, MS '92** was a co-author of the text.

1990 — Brenda Shelton, MS '90, currently an oncology clinical nurse specialist at The Johns Hopkins Hospital, won the Connie Yarborough Award from the Oncology Nursing Foundation.

1998 — Michelle Allender, MS '98, had an article, "HIPAA Compliance in the OR," published in the January 2002 issue of *AORN Magazine*.

1999 — Mary T. Chaffee, MS '99, RN, CAN, CHE, FAAN, Commander, U.S. Navy Nurse Corps, was inducted as a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing. Commander Chaffee currently serves as a Senior Health Program Analyst in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs in the TRICARE Management Activity.

2000 — Carol J. Bickford, PhD '00, RN, BC, in conjunction with **Susan Newbold, MS '83, RN, BC, FAAN** and **Kathleen Smith, MScEd**, received the Information Technology Award for Knowledge Advancement for the Weekend Immersion in Nursing Informatics, a post-conference event that followed the School of Nursing's annual Summer Informatics

Institute. The award, given by the Sigma Theta Tau International Board of Directors, was presented during the 36th Biennial Convention held in Indianapolis in November 2001.

Elaine R. Feeney, PhD, '00, RN, C, CARN, received the President's Award for overall contributions to the field of addictions nursing from the International Nurses Society on Addictions. Dr. Feeney is co-founder and Clinical Director of the Broad Park Manor Wellness Center (York, Pa.), a new cooperative venture between the York Housing Authority and the York College of Pennsylvania's Nursing Department.

2001 — Susan Dorsey, PhD '01, MS '98, RN, presented a poster at the National Institute of Nursing Research's 15th Anniversary Symposium held in Washington, D.C., in September 2001.

Marilyn (Lyn) Murphy, MS/MBA '01, RN, was appointed Coordinator of Administrative Services in the School of Nursing's Department of Clinical and External Affairs.

Fran Spivak, MS '01, was appointed Medical Informatics Analyst at the American College of Physicians-American Society of Internal Medicine in Philadelphia.

2002 — Patricia Sengstack, PhD '02, MS '88, had an article, "Customizing a Relationship Database to Support a Clinical Case Management Program," published in the January-February 2002 edition of *Lippincott's Case Management*.

Alumni Update:

Many thanks to all alumni who have reported information updates since the last edition of *The Pulse*. We enjoy hearing from you! If you have moved, changed your name, have a new job or have some exciting news, please call, mail, fax or e-mail your updates to: Sharon Rabb, Director of Development and Alumni Relations, University of Maryland School of Nursing, 655 West Lombard Street, Baltimore, Md. 21201-1579; phone: 410-706-8418; fax: 410-706-0399; e-mail: rabb@son.umaryland.edu.

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CLASS OF 1951 INDUCTED INTO HERITAGE CLASS AT 2001 REUNION

ALUMNI FROM ACROSS THE NATION – AS FAR AWAY AS ALASKA AND COLORADO – RETURNED ON OCTOBER 27 FOR THE ANNUAL SCHOOL OF NURSING ALUMNI HERITAGE CELEBRATION. BARBARA M. RESNICK, PhD '96, RN, CRNP, FAAN, PRESIDENT OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INTRODUCED KEYNOTE SPEAKER KATHRYN C. BLOHM, ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT OF MARKETING, NURSES SERVICE ORGANIZATION.

Ms. Blohm delivered the keynote address, “The Need for Professional Liability Insurance.” Later in the day, a silent auction was held and tours were conducted of the clinical simulation labs, the newest Wellmobile and the Living History Museum.

The highlight of the day was the induction of the Class of 1951 into the Heritage Class, marking 50 years since their graduation from the School. Ten of the 45 remaining members of the class were on hand for the festivities. The Class of '51 has launched a fundraising effort to raise money for student scholarships. Class members have collected \$500 thus far in pledges and donations to purchase auditorium seats, which will bear inscriptions in memory of founding dean, Florence Gipe.



The newest inductees into the Heritage Class – the Class of 1951 – pose with Dean Heller. Front row, left to right: Ellen Peregoy Blackadar, Joanne Wilson Jones and Jeanne Hook Miecznikowski; Second row: Ellen Lang Kwiatkowski (traveled from New Hampshire); Evelyn Robertson O'Connor and Dean Heller; Third row: Lorraine Lysock Olmedo, Mary Buckner Edwards and Dana Day Filkowski (traveled from Colorado).

IN MEMORIAM

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Jeanne Goe Orem, BSN '56
Theresa Novak, RN-BSN '58
Grayce E. Sadofsky, MS '58
Betty Jean Matthews Martin, PN '50s
Florence G. Canter, MS '60
Peggy Pritchett Choate, BSN '61
Louise R. Linthicum, MS '64
Josephine J. Shank, MS '64
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Jean Reeder, PhD, '90, MS '82

2002 ALUMNI HERITAGE CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2002

The School of Nursing's 2002 Alumni Heritage Celebration will be held on Saturday, October 19. All graduates are welcome to be part of this annual tradition as we honor our newest Heritage Class, the Class of 1952, and pay special tribute to the Class of 1977 on the occasion of their 25th anniversary. It's a rare opportunity you won't want to miss. For more information, contact Sharon Rabb, Director of Development and Alumni Relations, 410-706-8418, or e-mail rabb@son.umaryland.edu.

SAVE THE DATE

FACULTY AND STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Faculty Appointments

DEPARTMENT OF ADULT HEALTH NURSING

Karen Johnson, PhD, RN, has been appointed as an Assistant Professor. She holds a BSN from Niagara University, an MSN from the University of Rochester, and a PhD from the University of Kentucky. Dr. Johnson comes to the School from her faculty position at the University of Arizona College of Nursing.

DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL AND COMMUNITY HEALTH

Mary R. Haack, PhD, RN, FAAN, has been appointed as an Associate Professor. She holds the PhD and an MS from the University of Illinois at Chicago, and joins the School from her previous position as assistant professor at the Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey’s College of Nursing. Dr. Haack’s research focuses on substance abuse and mental health issues among court-involved families.

Patricia Harris, MS ‘82, RN, has been appointed as a Clinical Instructor. She received an MS in Child-Adolescent-Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing from the University of Maryland School of Nursing. Ms. Harris has served in a part-time capacity at the School of Nursing since January 2001.

DEPARTMENT OF CHILD, WOMEN’S AND FAMILY HEALTH

John Distler, MS, CNP, has been appointed as a Clinical Instructor. He received an MS in Nursing from SUNY, Stony Brook, and Family Nurse Practitioner Certification from the University of California, Davis. Mr. Distler joins the School from his previous position as a Nurse Practitioner in Urgent Care and Fast-Track Setting at Sinai Hospital ER-7 in Baltimore.

Mary Dunlavey, MS, RN, FNP, has been appointed as a Clinical Instructor, and will serve as lead provider on the Central Maryland Wellmobile. She

received a BSN from D’Youville College, an MS in Healthcare Administration and Management from Cardinal Stritch College, and an MSN in Healthcare Administration from Georgetown University. Ms. Dunlavey joins the School from her previous position as a Family Nurse Practitioner with EverCare, Inc.

Mary Herr, MS, RN, CRNP, has been appointed as a Clinical Instructor. She received an MSN from the University of Rochester. Ms. Herr has extensive experience in pediatric nursing, and will serve as the Pediatric Nurse Practitioner for the Harford County School-Based Wellness Centers. She joins the School of from her previous position as a Transport Nurse Specialist at the University of Maryland Hospital.

Sally Austin Tom, EDM, CNM, FACNM, has been appointed as an Assistant Professor and Coordinator of the Nurse Midwifery Program. She received an MS in Parent-Child Nursing and Nurse Midwifery from the University of Utah; an MPA from Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government; and an Executive Doctor of Management from Case Western Reserve University, School of Management. Dr. Tom most recently served as Deputy National Program Director, Partnerships for Training, at the Association of Academic Health Centers.

Elias Vasquez, PhD, NNP, PNP, FAANP, has been appointed as an Assistant Professor. He holds the PhD and an MS from the University of Arizona, and comes to the School from his previous position as assistant professor at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey’s College of Nursing. Dr. Vazquez’s research focuses on substance abuse, particularly mothers with substance use disorders and their children.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, ADMINISTRATION, INFORMATICS AND HEALTH POLICY

Catherine Kelleher, ScD, MPH, MS, RN, has been appointed as an Associate Professor. She received a BSN from Georgetown University; an MS from the Division of Psychiatric Nursing, University of California, San Francisco Medical Center School of Nursing; an MPH from the Harvard University School of Public Health; and an ScD from The

Johns Hopkins University’s Bloomberg School of Public Health, Department of Health Policy and Management. She joins the School from her position as Special Project Director, Home Care Review Program, New York County Health Services Review Organization.

Administrative and Staff Appointments

Sherri Callahan, BS, RN, has been appointed as CITE Study Coordinator. Ms. Callahan received a BS from University of Maryland College Park. She joins the School from her previous position as a Nurse Researcher at Analytical Sciences, Inc.

Robin Becker-Cornblatt, JD, has been appointed Graduate Admissions Counselor in the Office of Student Affairs. Ms. Becker-Cornblatt earned her law degree from the New York University School of Law and comes to the School of Nursing from her previous position as Assistant Director of Graduate Admissions at Fitchburg State College in Massachusetts.

Michael A. Crum, MSN, CRNP, has been appointed as a Nurse Practitioner for the Eastern Shore Wellmobile. Mr. Crum holds an MSN from Wilmington College, and joins the School from his previous position as an Emergency Room/Intensive Care Unit Staff Nurse at Atlantic General Hospital, Berlin, Md.

Patricia DeLorenzo, MAS, has been appointed Director of Continuing Education. Ms. DeLorenzo holds a BA from Loyola College and an MAS from The Johns Hopkins University. She joins the School from her previous position as Dean of Education of Tai Sophia Institute in Columbia, Md.

Maureen A. Fitzpatrick, MS ‘00, CRNP, has been appointed as a Nurse Consultant in the Office of Research. She will be working with Dr. Leonard Derogatis on his grant, “A Study of Lasofoxifene for the Treatment of Sexual Dysfunction in Postmenopausal Women.” Ms. Fitzpatrick holds an MS from the University of Maryland School of Nursing, and joins the School from her previous position as Nurse Practitioner at Elderhealth in Baltimore.

Doris Addo-Glover, MSN, RN, has been appointed as a Nurse Coordinator in the Healthy Childcare Maryland Program. Ms. Addo-Glover holds a master’s degree in community health from The Johns Hopkins University (JHU). She has an extensive background in management and research, and comes to the School from her previous position as a clinical trial researcher at JHU.

George Hagegeorge has joined the School of Nursing as a Distance Learning Technician. His prior experience includes Studio Engineer for Caliber Learning Network and Manager/Producer/Engineer for Track in the Box Production.

Angel D. Jackson, BS, has been appointed Director of Admissions in the Office of Student Affairs. Ms. Jackson received her bachelor’s degree from Towson University, and joins the School from her previous position as Associate Director, State Scholarship Administration, Maryland Higher Education Commission.

Ava Johnson, MSN, CRNP, has been appointed as a Family Nurse Practitioner, and will serve as family nurse practitioner for the Caroline County School-Based Wellness Centers. Ms. Johnson received an MSN from Wilmington College, and joins the School from her previous position as Family Nurse Practitioner with Bayside Family Practice.

Erin Marek, MBA, has been appointed Program Manager in the Center for Health Workforce Development. Ms. Marek received her MBA from the University of Maryland University College. She joins the School from her previous position as a facilities planner at the University of Maryland Baltimore County.

Marc Mason, MS, has been appointed Research Statistician, Center for Health Workforce Development. Mr. Mason received an MS in statistics from Colorado State University, and joins the School from his position as Senior Analyst/Project Manager at Innovative Medical Research.

Katherine McKenney, BSN ‘92, MS ‘00, CRNP, FNP, has been appointed as a Family Nurse Practitioner, and will serve as the family nurse practitioner on the Western Maryland Wellmobile. Ms. McKenney received a BSN and MS from the University of Maryland School of Nursing, and joins the School from her previous position as a family nurse practitioner in private practice.

Patricia Mitchell, MA, has been appointed Director of Registration Services in the Office of Student Affairs. Ms. Mitchell received an MA from Trinity College, and joins the School from her previous position as University Registrar at Southeastern University.

Marilyn (Lyn) Murphy, MS/MBA ‘01, RN, has been appointed Coordinator of Administrative Services in the Office of Clinical and External Affairs. Ms. Murphy received a BSN from Carlow College and a MS/MBA from the University of Maryland School of Nursing. She most recently served as a Graduate Research Assistant in the Office of Clinical and External Affairs.

Mary M. O’Malley, BSN ‘98, has been appointed Nurse II, Healthy Families Maryland, in the Office of Clinical and External Affairs. Ms. O’Malley received her bachelor’s degree from the University of Maryland School of Nursing, and joins the School from her previous position as a volunteer triage nurse at the Annapolis Outreach Center.

Kimberly A. Owens, BA, has been appointed Development Associate in the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs. Ms. Owens holds a bachelor’s degree from the University of Maryland Baltimore County, and joins the School of Nursing from her previous position as an accounting clerk for the University of Maryland Baltimore Foundation, Inc.

Joan Powers, MA, has been appointed Associate Dean for Student Affairs. Ms. Powers received both a BA and an MA from the University of New Hampshire. She has extensive experience in higher education, having served as Senior Vice President of the President’s Foundation for Higher Education and Vice Provost for Admissions and Financial Aid at American University. Ms. Powers joins the School from her previous position as Vice President for Enrollment Management at Hood College.

Sharon R. Rabb, BA, has been appointed Director of Development and Alumni Relations. She received her bachelor’s degree from the University of Massachusetts, and joins the School from her previous position as Director of Development and Publications at the Institute for Christian and Jewish Studies in Baltimore.

Brenda Vitello, BS, RN, has been appointed as a Wellmobile Care Coordinator. She holds a BS in Nursing from Creighton University, and most recently served as Program Director, Community Health Services, at the Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic in Washington state.

Denise Walker-Addy, MBA, has been appointed Accountant in the Office of

Administrative Services. Ms. Walker-Addy holds an MBA from the University of LaVerne, Calif., and joins the School from her previous position as Assistant to the Controller, Otis Warren Property Management, in California.

Grants and Contracts

Elizabeth Arnold, PhD, RN, Associate Professor, Department of Behavioral and Community Health, received a three-year, \$640,949 grant from the Division of Nursing, Health Resources and Services Administration to create a child and adolescent behavioral clinical specialist track and a combined behavioral and PNP track at the Shady Grove Center.

Leonard Derogatis, PhD, Associate Dean for Research, was awarded \$190,000 by Pfizer Global Research and Development to conduct two clinical trials to study the efficacy of selective estrogen receptor modulators in post-menopausal women. Dr. Derogatis was also awarded \$29,550 from NexMed for a clinical study, “A Randomized, Placebo-Controlled, Double-Blind, Parallel Design Study of the Efficacy and Safety of Femprox Cream in Premenopausal Patients with Female Sexual Arousal Disorder.”

Ruth Harris, PhD, RN, CRNP, FAAN, Chair and Professor, Department of Adult Health Nursing, received a \$16,750 grant from the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, National Institutes of Health, for her study, “Oral Cancer Screening of Adult and Family Nurse Practitioners.”

Barbara R. Heller, EdD, RN, FAAN, Dean and Professor, received a \$100,000 grant from the Aaron Straus and Lillie Straus Foundation to fund The Nursing Workforce Project. The project focuses on supply and demand in the nursing profession. Dr. Heller is also directing a \$76,000 grant from the Helene Fuld Health Trust to fund the Leadership Competence for the New Milleninium Program. The program will develop an innovative curriculum to prepare registered nurses enrolled in the RN to BSN or RN to MS project to become nurse leaders.

Louise Jenkins, PhD, RN, Director of Graduate Studies, received a \$150,000 grant from the Maryland Higher Education Commission for her project, “Faculty Use of Technology to Enhance Clinical Competency Evaluation in Health Care Curricula.” The grant was approved for funding under the Faculty Technology Training Grant Program.

Denise Korniewicz, DNSc, RN, FAAN, Professor, Department of Adult Health Nursing, received a three-year, \$999,690 grant from the Center for Disease Control/National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (CDC/NIOSH) for her study, “Evaluation of Traumatic Injuries in Health Care Workers During Surgery.” This study will investigate the factors associated with needle stick/sharp injury during a surgical episode and evaluate specific surgical factors that impact on the rate of traumatic injury among health care workers during surgery. Dr. Korniewicz also received a \$77,064 grant from Regent Medical for her study, “Latex Allergy: Powdered vs. Non-Powdered Surgical Gloves.”

Sandra McLeskey, PhD, RN, Associate Professor, Department of Adult Health Nursing, received a three-year, \$445,297 grant from the U.S. Army Medical Research and Material Command to investigate the role of fibrinolysis in tumor angiogenesis.

Kathleen McPhaul, MPH, RN, doctoral student and Workforce Violence Project Coordinator, Department of Behavioral and Community Health, has been awarded \$9,967 by the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health to conduct her proposed research, “Workplace Violence in Home and Community Health.”

Carles Muntaner, MD, PhD, Professor, Department of Behavioral and Community Health (BCH), has been awarded a \$742,500 grant from the Center for Disease Control/National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health for a study, “Work Organization and Health Among Home Care Workers.” The study will assess the relationship between the organization of work and the prevalence of major depression and musculoskeletal disorders among home care workers. Co-investigators on the grant are **Jane Lipscomb, PhD, RN, FAAN**, Associate Professor, BCH, and **Alison Trinkoff, ScD, RN, FAAN**, Professor, BCH. Dr. Muntaner has also received a \$2,500 consulting agreement from NIOSH for “Work Organization, Cardiovascular Disease and Depression in NHANES III.”

Marla Oros, MS, RN, Associate Dean for Clinical and External Affairs, received a \$386,719 award from the Maryland State Department of Human Resources to partner with the Maryland Child Care Administration in the development and implementation of a new statewide system of health care consultation and training for childcare providers.

Lesley Perry, PhD, RN, Vice Dean and Associate Dean for Administrative Services, received a \$13,153 training grant from the Eastern Shore Area

Health Education Center to provide clinical training for University of Maryland School of Nursing students.

Barbara Resnick, PhD, RN, FAAN, Associate Professor, Department of Adult Health Nursing, received a \$50,000 grant from the American Medical Directors Association Foundation for “Testing the Feasibility and Effectiveness of Two Clinical Guidelines in Long-term Care.” Dr. Resnick will collaborate with Dr. Charlene Quinn and Dr. Jay Magaziner from the University of Maryland School of Medicine, Department of Preventive Medicine and Epidemiology, in conducting this study.

Barbara Sattler, DrPH, RN, Associate Professor, Department of Behavioral and Community Health, will serve as principal investigator for Community Outreach Activities for the Hazardous Substance Research Center, funded by the Environmental Protection Agency. The amount of the subcontract, with The Johns Hopkins University, is \$463,875. Dr. Sattler also received a three-year, \$430,463 grant from the U.S. Health Resource Services Administration, Division of Nursing, to create a new environmental health emphasis track within the existing master’s program in community health.

Claudia Smith, PhD, MPH, RN, Assistant Professor, Department of Behavioral and Community Health (BCH), received a \$435,510 grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to conduct a two-year Healthy Homes Demonstration and Education Project in Baltimore’s Park Heights neighborhood. The collaborative effort with the Association of Community Organization for Reform Now (ACORN) will implement strategies to reduce environmental health risks in 80 homes with asthmatic children. Co-investigators on the grant are **Barbara Sattler, PhD, RN**, Associate Professor, BCH; **Carol O’Neil, PhD, RN**, Assistant Professor, BCH; and **Carles Muntaner, MD, PhD**, Professor, BCH.

Ann Marie Spellbring, PhD, RN, Associate Professor, Department of Adult Health Nursing, received a \$90,000 grant from the John A. Hartford Foundation for Enhancing Gerontology/Geriatric Nursing Education. The project will build on the School of Nursing’s current RN-BSN on-line option by developing web-based undergraduate level courses with an emphasis on long-term care. Dr. Spellbring was also awarded \$66,940 for gerontological nurse practitioner scholarships funded by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing and the Hartford Foundation. The award will support seven new full-time students over the three-year grant period.

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Linda Thompson, DrPh, RN, FAAN, Associate Professor and Acting Chair, Department of Child, Women’s and Family Health, and Associate Dean for Policy and Planning, was awarded \$85,000 by the University of Maryland Statewide Health Network to design and implement the Childhood Obesity Program.

Alison Trinkoff, ScD, RN, FAAN, Professor, Department of Behavioral and Community Health (BCH), has been awarded a four-year, \$997,663 grant from CDC/NIOSH for her study, “Extended Work Schedules and Workplace Injury in Nurses.” This study will examine the nature and prevalence of extended work schedules of nurses in a variety of settings; determine the relationship of extended work to musculoskeletal disorders; and determine the relationship between extended work schedules and needle stick injuries. Dr. Trinkoff also received a two-year, \$687,651 grant from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality to conduct a study, “Do Organizational Factors Influence Both Patient and Worker Safety?” The study will examine whether institutions with lower overall staffing and lower skill mix are associated with adverse patient outcomes and worker injury. **Meg Johantgen, PhD, RN,** Assistant Professor, Department of Education, Administration, Informatics and Health Policy (EAIHP) is a co-investigator on this program, along with **Patricia Abbott, PhD, RN, FAAN,** Assistant Professor, EAIHP and **Carles Muntaner, MD, PhD,** Professor, BCH.

Carolyn Waltz, PhD, RN, FAAN, Professor and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, received a five-year, \$664,640 grant from the U.S. Department of State Office of Medical Services to deliver a series of integrated Primary Care Medical Conferences to health care professionals employed at U.S. Embassies. The School of Nursing and the School of Medicine will collaborate to deliver the conferences, which will deal with primary care and emergency health care issues.

Susan Wozenski, JD, MPH, Assistant Dean for Student Development, has been awarded a \$301,048 grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, Division of Nursing, for FY 2003’s Advanced Education Nurse Traineeship Program.

Honors and Awards

Patricia Abbott, PhD, RN, FAAN, Assistant Professor, Department of Education, Administration, Informatics and Health Policy, has been invited to serve as a member of the Healthcare Technology and Decision Sciences Standing Study Section at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. Dr. Abbott was also the recipient of the first Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Medical Informatics Association for outstanding membership recruitment during the past decade.

Kathleen Charters, PhD, MSSM, Assistant Professor, Department of Education, Administration, Informatics and Health Policy, was appointed to a three-year term on the Panel of Consulting Reviewers for Nursing Leadership Forum.

Cynthia Collins, DNSc, RN, Assistant Professor, Department of Adult Health Nursing, has been appointed to the Adult Nurse Practitioner Content Expert Panel of the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

Brian Gugerty DNSc, RN, Assistant Professor, Department of Education, Administration, Informatics and Health Policy, has been invited to become a member of the Nursing Technology Workgroup, a subcommittee of the Governor’s Commission on the Crisis in Nursing. Dr. Gugerty also tied for second place for the American Medical Informatics Association President’s Club award for membership recruitment during the 2000-2001 membership year.

Barbara R. Heller, EdD, RN, FAAN, Dean and Professor, was recently elected to *Network 2000*. Dr. Heller has also been appointed as a member of the University of Rhode Island College of Pharmacy’s Leadership Council.

Nalini Jairath, PhD, RN, Associate Professor, Department of Adult Health Nursing, has been appointed to the Editorial Board of *Nursing Research Journal*.

Jane Lipscomb, PhD, RN, FAAN, Associate Professor, Department of Behavioral and Community Health, has been invited to serve as a Contributing Editor for the *American Journal of Industrial Medicine*.

Catherine Kelleher, ScD, MPH, Associate Professor, Department of Education, Administration, Informatics and Health Policy, was recently installed as a member of the Board of Directors for District 2 of the Maryland Nurses Association.

Dean Krimmel, Historian and Museum Director, has been appointed by Governor Glendening to a one-year term on the Maryland Advisory Board of the National Historical Publications and Records Committee.

Carles Muntaner, MD, PhD, Department of Behavioral and Community Health, has been promoted to full professor with tenure. Dr. Muntaner attended recent Congressional hearings where his published work was presented to support a stand by the Congressional Black Caucus, and was expected to weigh heavily in legislation to be drafted by Congress. His research findings deal with fundamental differences in social support (including health care) in populations on the basis of age, gender, race and socio-economic status.

Patricia Morton, PhD, RN, CRNP, FAAN, Professor, Department of Adult Health Nursing, has been reappointed to a second three-year term on the Editorial Board of the international journal, *Nursing and Health Sciences*.

Nilda Peragallo, DrPh, RN, FAAN, Associate Professor, Department of Behavioral and Community Health has been elected president of the National Association of Hispanic Nurses, effective July 2002. In addition, Dr. Peragallo has been invited to serve on the Advisory Board of the Annual Review of Nursing Education, and she been appointed to the National Institute for Nursing Research’s Initial Review Group.

Nilda Peragallo and Sara Torres, PhD, RN, FAAN, Chair and Associate Professor, Department of Behavioral and Community Health, will serve as editors of a new journal, *Hispanic Health Care International*, to be launched in July 2002. The publication will serve as the official journal of the National Association of Hispanic Nurses. Drs. Peragallo and Torres have also been selected to participate in the American Association of Colleges of Nursing’s Leadership for Academic Nursing Program.

Barbara Resnick, PhD ‘96, CRNP, FAAN, Associate Professor, Department of Adult Health Nursing, received the Marlene Kramer Outstanding Alumni Award for Research in Nursing from the University of Connecticut School of Nursing at their Annual Distinguished Alumni Awards Banquet in October. The award is given annually to an alumnus who has made outstanding contributions to nursing research.

Ann Marie Spellbring, PhD, RN, Associate Professor, Department of Adult Health Nursing, was one of 160 nurses selected from across the nation to attend an “End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium,” held in Pasadena, Calif. The American Association of Colleges of Nursing and the City of Hope Cancer Center conducted the training program.

Linda Thompson, DrPH, RN, FAAN, Associate Professor, Department of Child, Women’s and Family Health and Associate Dean for Policy and Planning, has been elected to a one-year term on the Workforce Development Advisory Council of the National League for Nursing.

Carolyn Waltz, PhD, RN, FAAN, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, has been elected to a three-year term on the NLN Accrediting Commission Nominating Committee. Dr. Waltz also represented the School of Nursing at the Southern Regional Education Board’s annual summit held in Atlanta in February.

A delegation of faculty members represented the School of Nursing at the American Association of Colleges of Nursing’s annual Doctoral Education Conference held in Sanibel, Fla. They included: **Patricia Abbott, PhD, RN, FAAN; Nalini Jairath, PhD, RN; Louise Jenkins, PhD, RN; Sandra McLeskey, PhD, RN; and Nilda Peragallo, DrPh, RN, FAAN, as well as Dean Heller.**

Papers and Presentations

Patricia Abbott, PhD, RN, FAAN, Assistant Professor, Department of Education, Administration, Informatics and Health Policy, had her articles, “Baccalaureate Nursing Informatics Education,” and “Graduate Nursing Education: The Impact of Connectivity,” accepted for publication in *The Internet and Nursing: Applications for RNs and Advanced Practice Nursing* (in press). In addition, Dr. Abbott co-authored “Clinical Decision Support Systems,” which was published in *Information Technology in Health Care* (2001) and “Nursing Informatics: An Integral Component of Nursing Education,” which was published in the April/May 2001 issue of *Imprint*.

Amy Barlow, MS, RN, ANP, Clinical Instructor, Department of Adult Health Nursing; co-authored with Dean Heller, Marla Oros, MS, RN, Associate Dean for Clinical and External Affairs, and Bruce

R. DeForge, “Open Gates Research: A Community-Academic Partnership for Disease Management,” which was published in *Research Linkages Between Academic and Practice: Reducing Health Disparities for the November/December 2001 Supplement to Public Health Reports*.

Kathleen Charters, PhD, MSSM, Assistant Professor, Department of Education, Administration, Informatics and Health Policy, had her manuscript, “Informatics in Clinical Practice,” published in *A Professional Study and Resource Guide for the CRNA* (2002).

Leonard Derogatis, PhD, Professor and Associate Dean for Research, had his article, “Brief Psychological Inventories in the Assessment of Erectile Function,” accepted for Publication in the *American Journal of Medicine* (2002). Other articles published include, “Validated Instruments for the Assessment of Female Sexual Function,” which appeared in the *Journal of Sex and Marital Therapy* (2002), and “Sexual Function and Quality of Life: Outcomes and Endpoints,” which appeared in the *Journal of Gender Specific Medicine* (2001).

Lily Fountain, MS, RN, Clinical Instructor, Department of Child, Women’s and Family Health, had her article, “Legislative Perspectives: Nurse-midwifery,” published in the August, September, October 2001 edition of *The Maryland Nurse*.

Brian Gugerty, DNS, RN, Assistant Professor, Department of Education, Administration, Informatics and Health Policy, in conjunction with graduate student, Amanda Wenkosky, BSN, RN, and Powhatan Wooldridge, PhD, University at Buffalo School of Nursing, presented their poster, “The Expansion of a Tool to Measure Staff Involvement In and Attitudes Toward the Implementation of a Clinical Information System,” at the American Medical Informatics Association’s 2001 Symposium.

Kathy Hausman, PhD, RN, Assistant Professor, Department of Adult Health Nursing, co-authored the text, *Clinical Companion for Medical-Surgical Nursing: Critical Thinking for Collaborative Care* (4th ed.) (2002).

Barbara R. Heller, EdD, RN, FAAN, Dean of the School of Nursing, had her article, “Addressing the Workforce Shortage: Developing Strategies to Prime the Pipeline,” published in *Proceedings of the Association of Academic Health Center’s 8th Congress of the Health Professions Educators* (2001). Dean Heller also authored, “Workforce Development in Nursing: Priming the Pipeline,” which was published in *Nursing and Health Care Perspectives*, (2001). Dean Heller

recently presented the keynote address at the First National Hispanic Nurses Day on Capitol Hill, Washington, D.C., on May 14, 2002. Her address focused on recruitment and retention of minority nurses.

Dorothy Herron, PhD, RN, Assistant Professor, Adult Health Nursing, co-authored two articles, “Body Composition,” and “Total Parental Nutrition,” which were published in *The Encyclopedia of Elder Care: The Comprehensive Resource on Geriatric and Social Care* (2001).

Genell Hilton, MS, CRNP, Clinical Instructor, Department of Adult Health Nursing, had her article, “Melatonin and the Pineal Gland,” published in the *Journal of Neuroscience Nursing* (2002). Two additional articles, “Burns,” and “Acute Head Injury,” were published in the *American Journal of Nursing* (2001).

Nalini Jairath, PhD, RN, Associate Professor, Department of Adult Health Nursing, co-authored “Effect of a Behavioral Nursing Intervention on Long-Term Lipid Regulation,” which was published in *Outcomes Management* (2002). An additional article, “Implications of Gender Differences Upon Coronary Artery Disease Risk Reduction in Women,” was published in *AACN Clinical Issues* (2001).

Louise Jenkins, PhD, RN, Associate Professor, Department of Adult Health Nursing and Director of Graduate Studies, co-authored “Psychological Reactions Among Family Members of Patients with Implantable Defibrillators,” which was published in the *International Journal of Psychiatry in Medicine*. She also co-authored “Quality of Life in the Antiarrhythmics Versus Implantable Defibrillators Trial: Impact of Therapy and Influence of Adverse Symptoms and Defibrillator Shocks,” which was published in *Circulation* (2001). In addition, Dr. Jenkins presented “Late Breaking Clinical Trials: AFFIRM Functional Status and Quality of Life Substudy,” at the North American Society of Pacing and Electrophysiology’s annual meeting held in San Diego in May 2002.

Carole Jennings, PhD, RN, Assistant Professor, Department of Education, Administration, Informatics and Health Policy, co-authored “Healthcare Policy and Legal Issues,” which was published in *Nursing and the Internet: Practical Applications for RNs and Advanced Practice Nurses* (2002).

Meg Johantgen, PhD, RN, Assistant Professor, Department of Education, Administration, Informatics and Health Policy, co-authored “Outpatient Mastectomy: Clinical, Payer, and Geographic Influences,” which was published in *Health Services Research* (2001).

Karen Johnson, PhD, RN, CCRN, Assistant Professor, Department of Adult Health Nursing, co-authored “Trauma in the Elderly,” *Critical Care Nursing of the Elderly* (in press) (2002). She also co-authored “Trauma,” which was published in *Thelan’s Critical Care Nursing: Diagnosis and Management* (2002).

Catherine Kelleher, ScD, MPH, MS, Associate Professor, Department of Education, Administration, Informatics and Health Policy, co-authored “Carrying on the Legacy of Lillian Wald: Partnership with the Henry Street Settlement and The Lienhard School of Nursing at Pace University,” which was published in *Nursing Leadership Forum* (2002).

Denise Korniewicz, DNSc, RN, FAAN, Professor, Department of Adult Health Nursing, had her article, “A Randomized Trial of Home Exercise Intervention for Patients with HIV Disease,” published in the *Journal of the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care*. She also co-authored, with master’s student **Christopher Martin, BSN, RN**, “Do We Really Need Powder in Gloves?” which was published in *Infection Control Today*. In addition, Dr. Korniewicz co-authored, with Dr. Kevin O’Connell, **Maher M. El-Masri, MS, RN**, doctoral candidate, and master’s students **John Broyles** and **Christopher Martin**, “Performance of Latex and Non-Latex Medical Exam Gloves During Simulated Use,” which was published in the *American Journal of Infection Control*.

Cara Krulewitch, PhD, RN, Assistant Professor, Department of Child, Women’s and Family Health, had her article, “Maternal Mortality: A Global Perspective,” published in the *Journal of Midwifery & Women’s Health* (2001). In addition, Dr. Krulewitch co-authored “Hidden From View: Deaths Among Pregnant Women in the District of Columbia,” which was published in the *Journal of Midwifery & Women’s Health* (2001).

Gail Lemaire, PhD, RN, CS-P, Assistant Professor, Department of Behavioral and Community Health, co-authored “Expanding Horizons: A Model Academic and Vocational Training Program for Out-of-School Youth With Disabilities,” which has been accepted for publication in the *Journal of Rehabilitation* (in press).

Jane Lipscomb, PhD, RN, FAAN, Associate Professor, Department of Behavioral and Community Health (BCH), had her article, “Workplace Violence: An Occupational Hazard Not “Part of the Job,” published in *Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing Research Digest* (2001). Dr. Lipscomb co-authored, with **Barbara Sattler, PhD, RN**, Associate Professor, BCH, an article, “Environmental Health,” which was published in *AAOHN Core Curriculum for Occupational Health Nursing* (2001).

Gail Mazzocco, EdD, RN, Assistant Professor, Department of Education, Administration, Informatics and Health Policy, co-authored “Client Systems,” which was published in *Conceptual Foundations: The Bridge to Professional Nursing Practice*. (2001). She also had her article, “Constructing Long Term Relationships: AHEC and School of Nursing as Designers,” published in *The National AHEC Bulletin* (2001).

Margaret McEntee, PhD, RN, CPC, Associate Professor, Department of Adult Health Nursing, presented “Critical Incidence Stress Debriefing as a Cost Effective Retention Strategy to Reduce Replacement Costs of Highly Trained Professionals,” at the Hawaii Conference on Business (2001).

Sandra McLeskey, PhD, RN, Associate Professor, Department of Adult Health Nursing, co-authored, “Isolation of Tumor-derived Endothelial Cells,” which was published in *Microvascular Research* (2001). Dr. McLeskey also co-authored, “The Role of Angiogenesis in Breast Cancer Progression,” which was published in *Vascular Morphogenesis in the Female Reproductive System* (2001).

Ann Mech, JD, RN, Assistant Professor, Department of Education, Administration, Informatics and Health Policy, had her article, “Supreme Court Update,” published in *Policy, Politics, & Nursing Practice* (2002). Dr. Mech also had her article, “School Based Health Centers,” published in *Legal Issues in School Health Services: A Resource for School Nurses, Administrators and Attorneys* (2001).

Mary Etta Mills, ScD, RN, FAAN, Associate Professor, Department of Education, Administration, Informatics and Health Policy (EAIHP) and Director of Professional and Distributive Studies, co-authored, “Enhancing a Professional Environment in the Organized Delivery System: Lessons in Building Trust for the Nurse Administrator,” which has been accepted for publication in *Nursing Administration Quarterly* (in press). She also co-authored with **Meg Johantgen, PhD, RN**, Assistant Professor, (EAIHP),

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“Is There a Relationship Between Service Integration and Differentiation in Patient Outcomes?” which has been accepted for publication in *Research in Healthcare Financial Management* (in press).

Patricia Morton, PhD, RN, CRNP, FAAN, Professor, Department of Adult Health Nursing, co-authored “Inhalation Anthrax,” which was published in *MedSurg Nursing* (2001). Dr. Morton also co-authored “Internal Cardioverter Defibrillator: Assessing Functioning and Troubleshooting,” which was published in the *AACN Procedure Manual for Critical Care* (2001).

Carles Muntaner, MD, PhD, Professor, Department of Behavioral and Community Health, co-authored “Social Capital, Class, Gender and Race Conflict and Population Health,” which was published in the *International Journal of Epidemiology* (2002). Dr. Muntaner also co-authored “Psychosocial Risk Factors in the Workplace: Is There Enough Evidence to Establish Reference Values?” which was published in the *Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health* (2002) and “Anti-Egalitarianism, Legitimizing Myths, Racism and Neo-McCarthyism in Social Epidemiology and Public Health,” which was published in the *International Journal of Health Services* (2002).

Marla Oros, MS, RN, Associate Dean for Clinical and External Affairs, has had three papers accepted for presentation at the American Nurses Association’s 2002 Biennial Convention and Exposition to be held in Philadelphia in June 2002. Her presentations will focus on the expanding network of clinical initiatives managed through the School of Nursing’s Clinical Enterprise.

Lyn Murphy, MS/MBA, RN, Coordinator of Administrative Services, Office of Clinical and External Affairs, presented a poster, “You Are Not Alone (YANA): Reaching Out to Women Engaged in Street Prostitution,” at the Association for Medical Education and Research in Substance Abuse’s (AMERSA) National Conference held in Alexandria, Va. in November 2001. Co-authors of the poster included Susan Dorsey, PhD, RN, **Marla Oros, MS, RN**, Associate Dean for Clinical and External Affairs and **Alison Trinkoff, ScD, RN**, Professor, Behavioral and Community Health.

Nilda Peragallo, DrPh, RN, FAAN, Associate Professor, Department of Behavioral and Community Health, had her abstract, “Developing a Culturally Sensitive HIV Risk Reduction Intervention in Latinos,” selected for presentation at the 13th International Nursing Research Congress. A second abstract, “SEPA: HIV Risk Reduction Intervention for U.S. Latinas,” has been

selected for poster presentation at the 14th International AIDS Conference to be held in Barcelona, July 7-12. In addition, Dr. Peragallo co-authored “Latinas Perspective on HIV/AIDS: Cultural Issues to Consider in Prevention,” which has been accepted for publication in *Hispanic Health Care International* (in press).

Sandra Picot, PhD, RN, Associate Professor, Department of Adult Health Nursing, co-authored “Engaging African American Elders and Caregivers in Urban Communities in Health Research,” which was published in the *Journal of Gerontological Nursing* (2002). Dr. Picot also co-authored, “Effective Sampling of Rare Population Elements: Black Female Caregivers and Non-Caregivers,” which was published in Research on Aging (2001) and “Caregiver Burden,” which was published in *The Encyclopedia of Elder Care: The Comprehensive Resource on Geriatric and Social Care* (2001).

Keith Plowden, PhD, RN, Assistant Professor, Department of Adult Health Nursing, co-authored “Sociological Perspectives of Black American Health Disparity: Implications for Social Policy,” which has been accepted for publication in *Policy, Politics and Nursing Practice* (in press). He also co-authored “A Theoretical Approach to Understanding Black Men’s Health-Seeking Behavior,” which has been accepted for publication in the *Journal of Theory, Construction and Testing* (in press); and “HIV Fatalism as a Catalyst of High-Risk Behavior in African Americans: Is Society to Blame?” which has been accepted for publication in the *Association of Black Nursing Faculty Journal* (in press).

Patricia Ravella, PhD, RN, NCAA, CNS, CRNP, Assistant Professor, Department of Child, Women’s and Family Health (CWF), co-authored, “Ethical Issues in Complementary Alternative Medicine for Advanced Practice Nursing,” which has been accepted for publication in *Nurse Practitioner* (in press). Dr. Ravella also co-authored, with **Linda Thompson, DrPh, RN, FAAN**, Associate Professor and Acting Chair and Associate Dean for Policy and Planning (CWF), “Educational Model of Community Partnerships for Health Promotion, which was published in *Policy, Politics, & Nursing Practice* (2001).

Barbara Resnick, PhD, CRNP, FAAN, Associate Professor, Department of Adult Health Nursing, had her article, “Assessing the Older Adult,” accepted for publication in *Fundamentals for Health Assessment* (in press). Her article, “Fitness and Flexible Movement,” has also been accepted for publication in *Health Promotion in Communities: Holistic and Wellness Approaches* (in press).

Barbara Sattler, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Behavioral and Community Health (BCH), had her book review, “Toxic Deceit,” accepted for publication in the *Journal of Pubic Health Policy* (in press). In addition, she co-authored with **Jane Lipscomb, PhD, RN, FAAN**, Associate Professor, BCH, “Environmental Health, which has been accepted for publication in *Cancer Prevention, Detection, and Control: A Nursing Perspective* (in press).

Marianne Shaughnessy, PhD, RN, CRNP, Assistant Professor, Department of Adult Health Nursing, had her article, “Dizziness and Stroke,” accepted for publication in *Geriatric Advanced Nursing Practice* (in press).

Ann Marie Spellbring, PhD, RN, Associate Professor, Department of Adult Health Nursing, co-authored, “Medication Administration by Unlicensed Caregivers in Group Senior Assisted Housing: A Model Program,” which has been accepted for publication in the *Journal of Gerontological Nursing* (in press). She also co-authored, “A Meta-Analysis of Fall Prevention Programs for the Elderly: How Effective Are They?” which has been accepted for publication in *Nursing Research* (in press).

Donald Stull, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Adult Health Nursing, co-authored, “Self-Report Quality of Life as a Predictor of Hospitalization for Patients with Heart Failure: A Life Course Approach,” which was published in *Research in Nursing and Health* (2001). He also co-authored, “Social Support and Caregiver Distress: A Replication Analysis, which was published in the *Journals of Gerontology: Social Sciences* (2001).

Sue Ann Thomas, PhD, FAAN, Professor, Department of Adult Health Nursing, co-authored, “Tobacco Dependence Curricula in Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Education,” which was published in the *American Journal of Critical Care* (2002). Dr. Thomas also co-authored, “Living With an Implantable Cardioverter-Defibrillator: A Review of the Current Literature Related to Psychosocial Factors,” which was published in the *AACN Clinical Issues* (2001).

Linda Thompson, DrPh, RN, FAAN, Associate Professor and Acting Chair, Department of Child, Women’s and Family Health and Associate Dean for Policy and Planning, co-authored “The Role of Nurses in Enhancing Adolescent Development: A Comprehensive Approach,” which has been accepted for publication in *Promoting Positive Child, Adolescent & Family Development: A Handbook of Program and Policy Innovations*

(in press). Dr. Thompson also co-authored, “Use of a University-Community Collaboration Model to Frame Issues and Set an Agenda for Strengthening a Community,” which has been accepted for publication in the *Journal of Health Promotion/Health Education Applications, Policy and Professional Issues* (in press).

Sara Torres, PhD, RN, FAAN, Chair and Associate Professor, Department of Behavioral and Community Health, co-authored “Cultural Diversity, Bridging Cultures: Hispanics/Latinos and Nursing,” which was published in *Current Issues in Nursing* (2001). Dr. Torres also co-authored, “Bridges and Barriers: Educational Mobility of Hispanic Nurses, which was published in the *Journal of Nursing Education* (2001).

Alison Trinkoff, ScD, RN, FAAN, Professor, Department of Behavioral and Community Health (BCH), co-authored with **Jane Lipscomb, PhD, RN, FAAN**, Associate Professor, BCH “Musculoskeletal Problems of the Neck, Shoulder and Back and Functional Consequences in Nurses,” which was published in the *American Journal of Industrial Medicine* (2002).

Carolyn Waltz, PhD, RN, FAAN, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, co-authored with **Mary Etta Mills, ScD, RN, FAAN**, Associate Professor, Department of Education, Administration, Informatics and Health Policy and Director of Professional and Distributive Studies, “Academic Leadership Style Predictors for Nursing Faculty Job Satisfaction in Taiwan,” which was published in the *Journal of Nursing Education* (2001). Dr. Waltz also co-authored, with **Louise Jenkins, PhD, RN**, Associate Professor, Department of Adult Health Nursing and Director of Graduate Studies, “Measurement of Nursing Outcomes” (2nd ed.), Vol. 1, which was published in *Measuring Nursing Performance in Practice, Education and Research* (2001).

Christopher Ward, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Adult Health Nursing, co-authored, “Initiation and Termination of Calcium Sparks in Skeletal Muscle,” which was published in *Frontiers in Biosciences*, (2002). Dr. Ward also co-authored “Type 1 and Type 3 Ryaodine Receptors Generate Different Ca2+ Release Event Activity in Both Intact and Permeablized Myotubes,” which was published in the *Journal of Physiology* (2001), and “Interdomain Interactions with Ryaodine Receptors Regulate Ca2+ Sparks Frequency in Skeletal Muscle,” which was published in the *Journal of General Physiology* (2001).

SCHOOL OF NURSING IN THE NEWS — MEDIA STARS

AT THE SCHOOL OF NURSING, WE ARE CONSTANTLY WORKING TO INCREASE PUBLIC AWARENESS ABOUT THE NURSING PROFESSION, THE PROGRAMS OFFERED AT THE SCHOOL AND THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF OUR OUTSTANDING FACULTY, STUDENTS AND ALUMNI. TO THAT END, THE SCHOOL OF NURSING HAS BEEN FEATURED PROMINENTLY IN VARIOUS MEDIA OUTLETS IN RECENT MONTHS.

The School's RN-BSN On-Line Degree Program was featured in the education supplement of the September 23, 2001 edition of the *Baltimore Sun*. The story, "Universities Add Innovative Programs for Training Health Care Workers," included quotes from **Dean Heller, Mary Etta Mills, ScD, RN, FAAN**, Director of Professional and Distributive Studies, and **Allison Davis, RN**, a student who is enrolled in the program. In that same publication, **Denise Korniewicz, DNSc, RN, FAAN**, Professor, Department of Adult Health Nursing, was quoted in a story, "Music and Science Working Together in Perfect Harmony."

Mary Dunlavey, MSN, CRNP, Clinical Instructor and lead Wellmobile Practitioner, and **Brenda Vitello, BSN, RN**, Care Coordinator for the Wellmobile, were pictured with the newest Wellmobile on the front cover of the January 21, 2002 edition of *Advance for Nurses* magazine. The three-page feature story, "Wellness on Wheels – the University of Maryland School of Nursing Wellmobile," highlighted the purpose of the Wellmobile Program, the populations it serves, and the future of the program. **Sheila Green, MS, RN**, Manager of the Wellmobile Program, and **Marla Oros, MS, RN**, Associate Dean for Clinical and External Affairs, were also quoted in the story.

Dean Heller, was quoted extensively in an article, "Health Care Institutions Battle Nursing Burnout," that appeared in the Health Careers section of the January 27, 2002 edition of the *Sunday Sun*. The article focused on the factors that cause nurses to burn out and leave their jobs or leave the profession entirely. In addition, Dean Heller was featured in an article, "Heller to Test New Waters," that appeared in the February 25, 2002 edition of *Nursing Spectrum* magazine; and she was also quoted in a story, "Nursing Education 2002: The Nursing Faculty Shortage," that appeared February 25, 2002 on *NurseZone.com*, a website dedicated exclusively to nurses. Most recently, Dean Heller was also quoted in the May 17 issue of the *Montgomery Gazette* in a story about the nursing shortage.

A feature story in the February 18, 2002 edition of *Advance for Nurses*, "Fourth UMD Wellmobile Dedicated," highlighted the January ceremony held in Annapolis to launch the School of Nursing's newest Wellmobile. Also included in that edition was a story about the School of Nursing Night in Annapolis.

Michele Michael, PhD, CRNP, Associate Professor in the Department of Child, Women's and Family Health, was quoted in a story, "Pediatric Nurse Practitioners Are In It for the Kids," in the Health Careers Section of the November 11, 2001 edition of the *Baltimore Sun*.

Marla Oros, MS, RN, Associate Dean for Clinical and External Affairs, and **Amy Barlow, MS, RN, CRNP**, Clinical Instructor, Department of Adult Health Nursing and a nurse practitioner at the Open Gates Health Clinic, were quoted in a story, "Inner City Nurses Have Amazing Impact," that appeared in the Health Careers Section of the December 2, 2001 edition of the *Baltimore Sun*. In addition, Ms. Oros and her husband, David Oros, founder and CEO of Aether Systems, were featured in a story, "No Gates-sized Egos Here," in the March 2002 edition of "TechLink," a supplement of the *Baltimore Daily Record*.

Lesley Perry, PhD, RN, Vice Dean and Associate Dean for Administrative Services, was pictured on the front page and quoted extensively in a feature story, "Need Helped by New Programs," that appeared in the Education Section of the December 2, 2001 edition of the *Baltimore Sun*. Dr. Perry was also quoted in a story, "Motherhood...Then a Degree: Colleges Tailor Programs for Back-to-School Moms," in the April 2002 edition of *Baltimore's Child*.

Sandra Picot, PhD, RN, Associate Professor, Department of Adult Health Nursing and **Keith Plowden, PhD, RN**, Assistant Professor, Department of Adult Health Nursing, were pictured and quoted in a University of Maryland School of Nursing advertisement that appeared in the February 3, 2002 *Sunday Sun* supplement, "African American Achievement." Dr. Plowden was also pictured and quoted extensively in an article, "Black Nursing Associations Address a Variety of Issues," in the Health Careers Section of the October 28, 2001 edition of the *Baltimore Sun*.

The School of Nursing was mentioned in the "News & Views" section of the May 1, 2002 issue of *The Journal of Blacks in Higher Education*, in an article focusing on Blacks in Academic Nursing. It cited the School as having one of the highest percentages of Black student enrollments and the highest percentage of Black faculty members in the nation's leading nursing schools.

LOOKING BACK, LOOKING FORWARD

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With her work as Dean almost complete, Dr. Heller is entering a new career phase that promises its own rewards, challenges and opportunities. She will remain on the faculty as the School's first Rauschenbach Distinguished Professor, and will expand her role within the University as Executive Director of the recently established Center for Health Workforce Development, which is charged with assisting health care professionals, educators and public policymakers in recruiting, educating, managing and retaining an evolving health workforce.

Dr. Heller's commitment to nursing has been characterized by a passion and energy that, for a dozen years, has kept the School to which she has tirelessly devoted herself in the forefront of nursing education and health care delivery. A valued leader and advocate for nurses everywhere, Dr. Heller has maintained the belief that success lies in seeing the big picture, thinking and planning strategically, and applying an action-oriented approach to getting results. Her "do it now" attitude is legendary, proving that even a vision that seems beyond reach can be realized. Continuing on her journey, Dr. Heller leaves the School of Nursing a legacy not soon to be forgotten. The momentum toward a new century of excellence in nursing science and education continues to build. Thanks in great measure to Dr. Heller's expertise, leadership, foresight and determination, the School is well positioned to meet the challenges of the future.

SCHOOL OF NURSING CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH

BERNARDINE M. LACEY, EdD, RN, FAAN, PROFESSOR AND CHAIR, DEPARTMENT OF NURSING, PRINCE GEORGE'S COMMUNITY COLLEGE, SERVED AS GUEST SPEAKER AT THE SCHOOL OF NURSING'S 12TH ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION HELD ON FEBRUARY 25. MORE THAN 100 PEOPLE GATHERED TO HEAR DR. LACEY'S SPEECH, WHICH FOCUSED ON THE TOPIC OF MUTUALITY.

A distinguished scholar, superb teacher and mentor, Dr. Lacey has served as an advisor to the President's Task Force on Health Care Reform, and has addressed the Congressional Black Caucus Brain Trust Forum. Prior to retiring from her position as professor and founding Dean of the School of Nursing at Western Michigan University, Dr. Lacey served as Director of Nursing at the Howard University Student Health Center and as a faculty member in Howard's College of Nursing.

The event was co-hosted by the Student Affairs Committee and the Black Student Nurses Association.



Black History Month speaker, Bernardine M. Lacey, EdD, RN, FAAN, Professor and Chair, Department of Nursing, Prince George's Community College (left), is greeted by Gieshla Moore, President, Black Student Nurses Association; Rachel Smith, PhD, RN, Assistant Professor, Department of Behavioral and Community Health; Esther McCready, DIN '53; Chi Eta Phi representatives Nikki Brandon and Kimberly Nelson; and Keith Plowden, PhD, RN, Assistant Professor, Department of Adult Health Nursing.

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INAUGURAL CLASS CELEBRATES COMPLETION OF BSN PROGRAM AT SHADY GROVE

The first class to complete the requirements for the School of Nursing’s first professional baccalaureate degree program at the University System of Maryland’s Shady Grove Center were honored at a reception on May 13 at the Shady Grove site. Delivering remarks on behalf of the School of Nursing, Dean Heller referred to the inaugural class as “pioneers who have forged a path for others to follow.” She stated, “By taking a chance with us, you have opened doors not only for yourselves, but also for future generations of nurses.”

Dean Heller also acknowledged Dr. Elizabeth Arnold, Coordinator of the Shady Grove Center and Dr. Lesley Perry, Vice Dean and Associate Dean for Administrative Services, for their tireless efforts on behalf of the Center.

School of Nursing student Kimberly Picca presented remarks on behalf of all degree candidates. Reflecting on the events of September 11, she stated, “Now, more than ever, I am proud of my decision to become a nurse.” Kimberly’s mother, Patricia Dorio, a 1995 graduate of the School of Nursing, was on hand to congratulate her daughter.

The School of Nursing initiated the first baccalaureate professional degree program at Shady Grove in fall 2000. Designed to increase access to education for nurses in Montgomery County — the fastest growing, yet one of the most educationally underserved areas of the state — the program serves as an effective and timely response to the substantial nursing workforce deficit in Montgomery County and throughout the state.

For more information about the School of Nursing’s baccalaureate program at Shady Grove, call 301-738-6047 or e-mail shadygrove@umail.umd.edu.



First Class! The inaugural class of graduates from the USM Shady Grove Center posed with Dean Heller; Elizabeth Arnold, PhD, RN, Associate Professor and Outreach Site Coordinator, USM Shady Grove Center; Mary Etta Mills, ScD, RN, FAAN, Associate Professor and Director of Professional and Distributive Studies; and Barbara Dobish, MSN, RN, Clinical Instructor, at a reception held in the graduates' honor on May 13, 2002.

2002 GRADUATION CEREMONIES HELD MAY 24

THE SCHOOL OF NURSING RECOGNIZED THE LARGEST GRADUATION CLASS OF NURSES IN THE STATE AT DUAL CEREMONIES ON MAY 24. THE MORNING CONVOCATION, HELD AT THE LYRIC OPERA HOUSE, WAS FOLLOWED BY COMMENCEMENT AT THE BALTIMORE ARENA IN THE AFTERNOON.

More than 2,500 family, friends, faculty and staff gathered at the Lyric to celebrate the commencement of 517—292 bachelor’s, 217 master’s and eight doctoral graduates.

Maryland State Senator Paula Hollinger (District 11, Baltimore County), RN, delivered the Convocation address. In addition, Sen. Hollinger received the Jessie M. Scott Award for Leadership in Health Policy. The award, named for the former Assistant Surgeon General of the United States and Director of the Division of Nursing in the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, is given

to an individual whose professional career has had a significant impact on health policy.

This year’s ceremonies were the last over which Dean Heller will preside, as she prepares to leave her post as Dean and move on to new responsibilities as Executive Director of the University of Maryland Baltimore’s Center for Health Workforce Development and as the School of Nursing’s first Rauschenbach Distinguished Scholar.

Congratulations and warmest best wishes to our graduates and to Dean Heller!



Convocation 2002

THE NEWEST GENERATION OF RESEARCHERS



Dr. Christopher Ward and his baby son, Edwin.

Christopher Ward, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Adult Health Nursing, recently brought his infant son, Edwin, to the School of Nursing to help with his research. Although Edwin seemed less than interested with his Dad’s work, we’re convinced that there could have been some subliminal learning taking place, and that Edwin could some day be among the newest generation of researchers. Dr. Ward is directing a \$600,000 Ko1 research grant from the National Institute of Arthritis, Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases, National Institutes of Health, to investigate the mechanisms of neuro-domain calcium release in striated muscle. Will Edwin follow in his Dad’s footsteps? Check the *The Pulse* around the year 2025 to find out!

SCHOOL OF NURSING MEMBERS RECOGNIZED AT SERVICE AWARDS CEREMONY

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Specialist. She has witnessed a lot of change during her years at the School, having worked under the watch of three deans.

“We truly appreciate Anne’s commitment to the School, especially her dedication to the students and the professionalism she exudes in her work,” stated Dean Heller.

“My 35 years with the School of Nursing have not only been a wonderful education, but truly a milestone,” stated Ms. Edwards. “I appreciate the wonderful support I have received from the faculty, staff and students, but particularly the support I have received from Dean Heller during our 21-year relationship.”

Marla Oros received the University’s Community Service Award for 2001-2002. Ms. Oros was recognized for her significant role in the development of innovative models of community-based primary and preventative health programs that provide care to individuals in medically underserved communities throughout Maryland.

“Marla’s efforts on behalf of Maryland’s citizens are unparalleled,” stated Dean Heller. “I cannot think of anyone more deserving of this award.”

The Annual Campus Recognition and Community Service Awards Ceremony honors employees who have made contributions to the campus and to the community.

DOCENTS DEDICATED TO LIVING HISTORY MUSEUM

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the artifacts include the people themselves?” And therein lies the unique quality of the Living History Museum: its docents. Ever wonder how you’d fare as a wartime nurse, forced to spend years away from home? Ask Doris Heaver, Mary Neal or Kathryn Wohlsen about their experiences in Australia, Japan, England, North Africa and Italy during World War II. Interested in trauma nursing? Talk to some of the pioneering “chest team” nurses, like Pat Leather and Evelyn O’Connor, who worked with Dr. R Adams Cowley in the 1940s and 1950s when Cowley’s dream of a shock trauma center

first emerged. Or ask the docents about caring for post-operative patients in their rooms before the advent of recovery rooms and step-down units. Curious about the origins of nurse specialties? Rosemary “Tish” Borowski will be happy to talk about her 35-year career as a nurse anesthetist. And we could go on and on given enough space.

So, the next time you stop by the Living History Museum, don’t just admire the crisp uniforms, elegant caps and compelling photographs. Remember to ask the docents about their experiences. There’s no telling what you’ll learn.

TWO NEW RESEARCHERS TO JOIN FACULTY RANKS

MARY R. HAACK, PhD, RN, FAAN, HAS BEEN APPOINTED ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR IN THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL AND COMMUNITY HEALTH, AND ELIAS VASQUEZ, PhD, NNP, PNP, FAANP, HAS BEEN APPOINTED ASSISTANT PROFESSOR IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILD, WOMEN’S AND FAMILY HEALTH. THEY WILL BOTH JOIN THE FACULTY THIS SUMMER.

Dr. Haack, whose research focuses on substance abuse and mental health issues among court involved families, holds both doctoral and master’s degrees from the University of Illinois at Chicago. Under a contract from the United States Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration/Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (SAMHSA/CSAT), Dr. Haack helped develop family drug courts in Miami, Kansas City, Mo., and Manhattan, N.Y. She is currently funded by SAMHSA/Center for Substance Abuse Prevention to select and implement an evidence-based

family intervention for parents charged with child abuse and neglect in the New Jersey Superior Court System. In addition, Dr. Haack is co-investigator on a three-year, \$349,000 grant, “Reimbursement Policy for Online Substance Abuse Treatment,” funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Substance Abuse Policy Research Program. She also has a one-year planning grant from the RWJ Foundation to plan and develop nursing interventions that address the disparity in primary care services for court-involved parents with substance use disorders and children in foster care. Dr. Haack currently serves as Associate Professor at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey’s College of Nursing.

Dr. Vasquez holds both doctoral and master’s degrees from the University of Arizona. His expertise is in providing primary care and developmental assessments to HIV and drug-exposed infants and children. Dr. Vasquez is a pioneer in innovative



Left: Mary R. Haack, PhD, RN, FAAN, Associate Professor, Department of Behavioral and Community Health. Right: Elias Vasquez, PhD, NNP, PNP, FAANP, Assistant Professor, Department of Child, Women’s and Family Health

approaches in nursing practice, education and research for one of society’s most challenging problems – mothers with substance use disorders and their children. He is currently President of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners and a Fellow with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation in Developing Leadership and Reducing Substance Abuse. Dr. Vasquez also comes to the School from his previous position as Assistant Professor at Rutgers,

The State University of New Jersey’s College of Nursing. Dr. Vasquez will coordinate the Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Speciality at the School. “Recognizing the importance of nursing research as central to the School’s mission, we must continue to attract top research faculty,” said Dean Heller. “We are privileged to have these two exceptional professionals join our cadre of distinguished nurse researchers.”



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